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Dynasty to temporarily shut down

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» Hotel operations suspended from March 5 to April 15
» Employees express fear of uncertain future

The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino will be suspending its hotel operations for about six weeks starting tomorrow due to a lack of customers and cancelled flights, an apparent business decision that will leave hundreds of employees without pay for the most part over the next month and a half.

Dynasty general manager Christopher Bishop and Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas separately confirmed yesterday that hotel operations would be suspended effective March 5 to April 15, except from March 13 to 19, when the hotel has an event which was already booked, according to Bishop.

San Nicolas said he was informed by the chairman of

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'Encroachers' must pay up or vacate

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Teregeyo

Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo in recent weeks has been issuing notices to vacate or make payment for encroachment on public lands, calling this the biggest issue the department is working on now as they've been using public land." "I've been actively checking all our encroachment violations serve "no benefit" to the people of Northern Marianas Descent.

Teregeyo, since her short time at the post, has been writing letters to "all the people on public lands that have not made any payments while ment listing and making sure our people—our Northern Marianas Descent—are actually going to benefit from that," she said.

Teregeyo describes an immediate agenda to reporters after the Senate unanimously confirmed her to the post of DPL secretary yesterday afternoon.

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Health officials: To avoid Zika, 'fight the bite'

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With Zika virus still spreading through different parts of the globe including the Pacific, health officials reminded residents of the Commonwealth to help its prevention by basically not getting bitten by virus-carrying mosquitoes.

In a press conference yesterday, new state epidemiologist Dr. Paul White, who recently got on board the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., said the number one prevention is to "fight the bite."

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna, public health and hospital preparedness director Warren Villagomez, emergency operations center coordinator Rosita Sablan-Waldron, and laboratory director Dr. Philip Dauterman were also present during the conference.

White said that as part of the prevention phase, they are focusing on informing the public in doing as much as possible to prevent getting bitten by mosquitoes as well as the importance of keeping one's surroundings free from possible mosquito breeding grounds.

He said community engagement is important in responding to the threat of the virus as not one agency can control mosquitoes—the main form of transmission for Zika.

White also pointed out that if one gets sick, it is important to seek medical attention.

According to White, Zika comes from the same virus family as Dengue and Chikungunya with Zika being the mildest.

Symptoms of the disease include low-grade fever, muscle pain, joint pain, conjunctivitis,

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. officials with the state epidemiologist Dr. Paul White briefed the media yesterday regarding the symptoms as well as preventing the spread of the Zika virus. No case has been reported in the CNMI yet but the public is urged to clean and remove possible breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

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Animal shelter waits for new batch of vaccines

Volunteers at the Saipan Animal Shelter in Lower Base are still waiting for a new batch of vaccines to be shipped here on the island. The canine parvovirus is one of those treated by the vaccines.

Some pet owners, who went to the Animal Shelter to have their dogs vaccinated, were not accommodated with volunteers telling them that they ran out of vaccines.

It is not yet known when the new shipment will be arriving and that's why pet owners are advised to get in touch with any Saipan Cares for Animals volunteers or call the Saipan Mayor's Office, which oversees the operation of the shelter.

Saipan Cares for Animals volunteer Kathy Yuknavage said they are still waiting for the approved and finalized order from Guam veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Landis.

The purchase order is from an account with Hawaii Mega-Cor Inc. through Animal Health International Inc. sales executive Henry Kim.

Yuknavage said once Landis submits the finalized and approved list, they can submit an order at Hawaii Mega-Cor.

"I can't place the order until it is approved and finalized by SCfA and Dr. Landis. The vaccines are shipped on ice and arrive within three days of shipment," added Yuknavage.

Aside from vaccines, SCfA also needs several items they regularly use in taking care of stray cats and dogs that were picked up by personnel from the Animal Control Office.

Cat litter, disposable rectangular boxes, canned cat food, towels, old storage bins, dog treats, canned dog food, medium sized collars, dog toys like old socks tied into knots, and dog shampoo are some of the things they need. ***(Jon Perez)***

Defendant in Govendo burglary case had wrong name entered

The U.S. government yesterday asked the federal court to issue an order amending the indictment to identify by his lawful and legal name of a habitual offender who is facing a criminal charge for stealing Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's gun and ammunition.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing said the defendant's legal name is "Cling Philip Kaipat" but the indictment named him as Gilbert Kaipat.

Lorfing requested that the

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Ex-firefighter Benavente appeals to 9th Circuit

Former firefighter Richard Sullivan Benavente is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from a 30-year imprisonment sentence slapped against him for sexual exploitation of a child.

Benavente is also appealing from the U.S. District Court for the NMI's order, holding him in breach of the plea agreement that he entered with the U.S. government.

Benavente, through counsel Michael Dotts, filed his notice of appeal yesterday in federal court.

The defendant is appealing for the Ninth Circuit reverse the 30-year maximum sentence and the ruling finding him in breach of the plea agreement.

Last Feb. 22, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced the 45-year-old Benavente to the maximum imprisonment of 30 years.

Last October, Manglona determined that Benavente lied in his testimony at the trial of Raymond Roberto, who was then charged with coercion and enticement of some of the same minors that Benavente sexually exploited.

The judge said by giving false testimony at the Roberto trial, the former firefighter materially breached his plea agreement with the U.S. government.

At the trial in September 2014, the prosecution presented evidence that Roberto used a prepaid SIM card with a number ending in x3443 to contact minor girls for sex.

Testifying for the defense, Benavente testified that, from mid-June to July of 2013, he in fact used the x3443 SIM card to contact the minors.

Roberto was acquitted.

Because of Benavente's testimony, the U.S. government asked the court to find him in breach of his plea agreement for allegedly lying about his use of the x3443 SIM card during the Roberto trial.

Roberto used to serve as acting director of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife.

In 2013, a federal grand jury indicted Benavente on several counts of sexual exploitation of a child. He cooperated with authorities and entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

In February 2014, Benavente pleaded guilty to a count of sexual exploitation of a child. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

ENCROACHERS

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oversee public land use and movement on the thousands of homestead applicants pending in the CNMI.

Right now, Public Lands is going through and "thinning down" a list of 3,183 homestead applicants, as some have already had houses issued to them through the local housing corporation and some have wed.

DPL stopped accepting applicants in 2006 and the DPL secretary is prohibited from issuing homesteads without infrastructure funded.

Teregeyo revealed yesterday that she issued revocation letters to six homestead applicants since her several weeks in office.

"There has been no activity on the property for 19 years. That's why they have been revoked," she explained. Homesteads require that in three years applicants build on their property.

"Homesteads are a top priority for many of our NMDs. It's a matter of getting infrastructure funded for homestead. I have already met with a lot of the legislators, both Senate and House, and have talked to them about the great need to fund infrastructure. I also met with several individuals on the requirements for homestead because I am prohibited from issuing homesteads at the moment without infrastructure. So it plays a big role," Teregeyo told reporters.

Encroachment

On the issue of encroachment, Teregeyo was asked if this was a "widespread" issue but she could not immediately confirm this.

"I have observed some and we are working to address them," she added.

Saipan Tribune obtained a document last month that appeared to show private property of former DPL secretary Pete A Tenorio encroaching on public land.

Tenorio on Wednesday, when *Saipan Tribune* asked if this needed to be clarified, explained that it's a "minor" encroachment and that he had private land at the same time being used for public "right of way" that he wanted "exchanged" with this; however, he did not find it proper to use his office at the time to advertise or facilitate this exchange.

An email sent to DPL on Wednesday to confirm Tenorio's explanation and another email sent early last month to verify the land document have not been responded to.

"…The biggest thing we are working right now," Teregeyo said yesterday, "is sending out notices and billings to people that are on public lands that have not made any payments utilizing public lands and have no benefit for people of NMD. So we need to collect on that so at the end of the fiscal year, we can transfer the amount of money to" the Marianas Public Land Trust.

One corporation, she disclosed, has agreed to vacate.

Governor's support

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, for his part, was asked yesterday for the specific issues that he wanted Teregeyo to address.

Torres said "special attention" is needed for land compensation, easement, and competitive bids for government properties that are currently being occupied by hotels and golf courses.

"Those are priorities. And we need to work continuously" on them, Torres said.

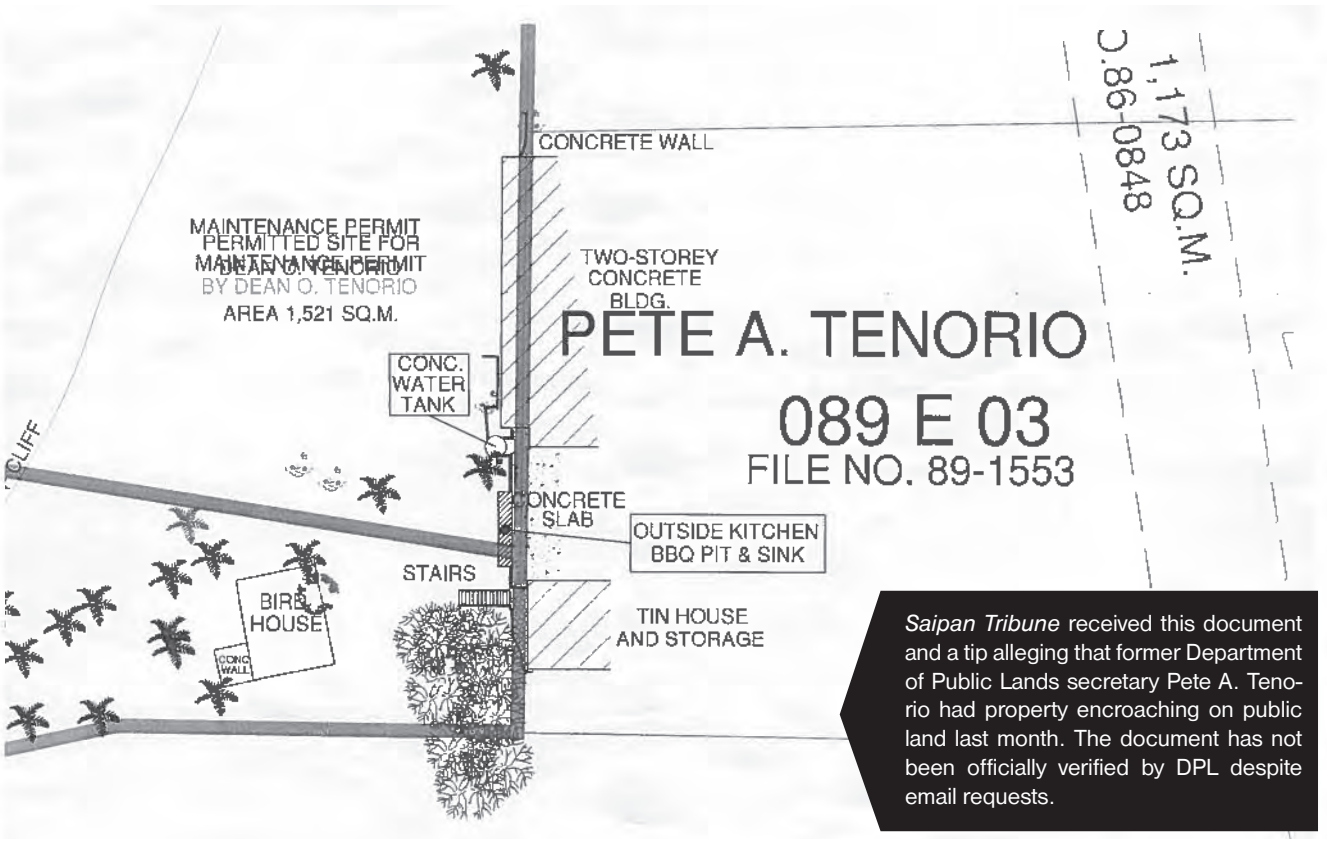
On homesteads, Torres said he wants this "pushed" so they could "give as many homesteads as we can."

"I want to do that within this year. I want to open up the Pagan homestead and our give our homestead to our applicants."

On investor development, Torres said the administration with DPL will be "business-friendly" and working to "streamline" the permitting process to make it is convenient as possible for current and future investors.

"Her [environmental enforcement] background will help asses and expedite processes when we are doing our homestead on what kind of regulatory" aspects need to satisfied, he said.

"I am sure that here background will give a significant boost to the department" and is "an asset to new investors," Torres said.



Saipan Tribune received this document and a tip alleging that former Department of Public Lands secretary Pete A. Tenorio had property encroaching on public land last month. The document has not been officially verified by DPL despite email requests.

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style of the case be amended in the indictment and all future pleadings to reflect defendant's legal name.

Lorfing asked the court that this motion be heard on an expedited basis and prior to the U.S. government's motion to determine whether Kaipat is competent to stand trial, currently set for Tuesday, March 8.

The prosecutor said a grand jury returned the indictment against Kaipat last Dec. 10.

The indictment alleged that on Nov. 5, 2015, "Gilbert Kaipat" knowingly possessed a stolen firearm and stolen ammunition.

Lorfing said subsequent to the indictment, the U.S. government learned that Kaipat's legal name is "Cling Philip Kaipat."

Lorfing noted that the defendant does not oppose this motion.

The federal court will hold a hearing on the U.S. government's motion for psychiatric or psychological evaluation to determine Kaipat's competency to stand trial.

Lorfing earlier disclosed that there is evidence suggesting that Kaipat may have mental issues.

Kaipat is also facing charges in the Superior Court over the burglary at Govendo's house. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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and mild rash.

As a self-limiting disease, Zika "of itself" is not dangerous and no mortality has been associated with it since the 1950s, according to White.

"The publicity associated with Zika at the moment is the *sequelae*, effects that occur from a disease, and these are the birth defects and neurological disorders," White said.

While in Brazil, cases of microcephaly and the neurological disorder, Guillain-Barré Syndrome, are being associated with Zika affecting pregnant women, these are all still being studied and investigated.

As of now, there is no vaccine against Zika and no specific treatment is needed for the disease. When one gets infected, the symptoms are treated.

Currently in the Pacific, areas where cases have been reported include American Samoa, Marshall Islands, Samoa, and Tonga. White said Zika it is possible to come to the CNMI as well.

According to Villagomez, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention coordinated with them and is focusing on initiatives such as fumigations in highly vulnerable, community-based areas such as clinics and schools.

Villagomez said they are doing a lot of risk communication and will be meeting with stakeholders and inter-agencies regarding fumigation.

With White on board, Muna stressed the importance of having an epidemiologist.

"With the threat of infectious disease and the fact that, especially with the Zika virus, it's been going on, definitely a state epidemiologist is a very critical position in the healthcare corporation and especially in coming up with strategic plans on how to combat the spread of infectious disease," Muna said.

"We've been without one for quite some time," she added.

White was one of the responders for epidemiology services who visited Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor.

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Hong Kong Entertainment, Wai Chan, of the closure in a letter, and that, "according to them, it is a temporary suspension." HKE owns the hotel.

San Nicolas, when asked for the reasons for closure, said the hotel was lacking customers and that there "has been some cancellation of flights." Bishop, for his part, said the reason for the temporary closure was a "lack of customers" and a "slow season" especially for their Chinese tourists.

San Nicolas, when asked, said there was "no mention" of compensation for hotel employees in the HKE letter. "That's our biggest concern," San Nicolas said. "What is going to happen to the employees? And what is going to happen after the 15th of April. What are your plans?"

Employees, Bishop said, were already briefed about the month-long shutdown and that they are behind the management on the matter.

The hotel has a reported 390 employees.

However, when pressed about compensation, Bishop said, "They will be paid when they work."

Dynasty reached a settlement last month with its 531 current and former workers to pay $1,737,878.46—after almost five months of non-payment of wages from August 2015 through January 2016, and liquidated damages.

The first payment was made on time on Feb. 23 with the other owed wages and liquidated damages to be paid on March 15.

"That will be paid in full on time," Bishop said when asked if they can still honor the agreement.

Still, some of the hotel's 390 current employees have concerns on the closure.

One employee, who was only briefed about the closure last Wednesday, stares down the face of unemployment starting tomorrow. The employee expressed uncertainties on the hotel's reopening, as "they'll never know what will happen."

Some employees said they are thinking of looking for other jobs on Saipan, while others expressed they couldn't do anything but to wait if the hotel will indeed reopen.

Bishop, on the other hand, assured the public of their return to services and that they will be expecting a "high number" of visitors in the coming months.

"Starting April 15, we're going back to our busy, heavy season. We're expecting more charter flights to come in," Bishop said.

'Worry for employees'

The Tinian leadership met in the Senate chamber on Saipan around 4pm yesterday to be briefed by San Nicolas on the matter.

"Since we are here for another occasion, the mayor asked everyone to remain here and discuss so we don't have to mobilize down to Tinian," said Tinian Municipal Council chair Ray Cing yesterday.

"We want to know in detail what exactly is going on," he added.

Cing emphasized the leadership's concern for the hotel employees. "That's the reason why we've been pressuring from the beginning. Employees are the most critical part there. Shutting down is not a good thing."

"It's disturbing," said Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian). "But we also want to recognize that it may or may not be a business decision on the dynasty's part."

Hofschneider added the biggest concern was "what's next?"

"Are they going to reopen? What are they going to do with the staff?—and the biggest question—what about the gaming on the casino floors?" were the questions on his mind yesterday.

"It is very unfortunate that it has to come at this time. We just need to discuss it further with them and see what are there plans moving forward," Hofschneider said.

San Nicolas acknowledged he would be formalizing these concerns in a letter back to HKE, and would eventually seek a meeting with the hotel.

San Nicolas also clarified separate reports that the Dynasty was closing due to "renovations."

"First things first, I need to consult with the Tinian delegation and council on this very important matter," San Nicolas said outside the legislature before stepping into meet with the Tinian leaders.

DOI issues $3.9M authorization to proceed with CUC pipeline project

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REPORTER

The U.S. Department of the Interior has issued an authorization to proceed in the amount of $3,887,161 for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s pipeline construction project.

DOI grants management specialist Keith W. Aughenbaugh notified CNMI Capital Improvement Projects administrator Virginia Villagomez on Tuesday of the Office of Insular Affair's formal authorization to proceed (ATP) with the CUC pipeline construction project.

In the ATP, Aughenbaugh stated that OIA has reviewed the scope of work dated Jan. 14, 2016, requesting additional funding to complete the pipeline project.

Aughenbaugh said OIA finds the project to be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, and DOI NEPA Regulations, among other regulations.

The $3.9 million additional money brings to a total of $11,972,495.50 DOI funding since the pipeline project was initiated in 2010, according to court documents.

Assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, counsel for the CNMI government, yesterday informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI about DOI's issuance of $3.9 million in ATP.

These funds, Sablan said, will be available for the pipeline project and supporting scope of work and will not be reprogrammed without the mutual agreement of the parties—U.S. and CNMI governments, and CUC.

Sablan said DOI has yet to issue two ATPs for the remaining $1.1 million of the CNMI's obligation: Cleanup, inspection, and repair of CUC Tank 103 ($730,614) and for construction management by Engineering Environmental Management Company ($382,225).

DOI is expected to issue the two ATPs within the next week two weeks.

Last Jan. 29, DOI approved the CNMI government's request for additional $5 million in funding for CUC's Stipulated Order 2 projects.

Pursuant to a federal court order, the CNMI government is required to deposit into the court's registry or file a notice with the court of DOI's ATP for funding SO2 projects by Feb. 1, 2016.

» DOI funding for pipeline project now reaches $12M

The parties stipulated to extend the deadline to Feb. 29, 2016. The court approved the stipulation.

The parties agreed to extend again the deadline to file its notice of ATP for the pipeline construction to March 2, 2016, and its notice of ATPs for Engineering Environmental Management Company construction management and Tank 103 to March 18, 2016.

According to a joint stipulation signed by the parties' counsels, the Army Corps review of the scopes of work and recommendation to issue the ATPs has taken longer than estimated, and that the ATPs were not issued by the extended deadline.

DOI issued the first ATP authorizing $3.9 million for the pipeline construction on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

The counsels said to allow additional time for the review of the scopes of the work and for the CNMI to obtain the remaining ATPs, the parties agreed to extend the deadline to file notice of the ATP for the pipeline project to Wednesday, March 2, and to file notice of the remaining ATPs to March 18, 2016.

The oil pipeline project is an 8-inch aboveground receiving pipeline that delivers diesel fuel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had stated that until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, it poses a threat to the adjacent ocean.

The SO2 projects refer to the decommissioning of the existing CUC pipeline and smart pigging of the new CUC pipeline; waste management for Power Plants 1 and 2 on Saipan and Rota power plant; engineering and design of facility drainage improvements for Power Plants 1 and 2; soil cleanup for Power Plant 1, and SO2 construction management by EEMC.

Red Cross Walkathon set for April 30

The American Red Cross is proud to announce its 30th Annual Red Cross Walkathon is scheduled for April 30.

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Please mark your calendar, support the Red Cross and plan on a morning of exercise and family fun!

For more information about participating or volunteering, please contact the Red Cross at 234-3459. ***(PR)***

Biz community discuss rates, infrastructure issues with CUC

The recent move of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors on its upcoming rate case application, which will have an impact on businesses on island, as well as their delaying further action on the Integrated Resource Plan were among the topics discussed during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan last Wednesday.

Without going into much details on the actual rate case, CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho said that the utility company has an opportunity to address some of the issues that they are facing.

In the past two years, Camacho said, CUC has lowered power rates by 60 percent and a 10-percent reduction was implemented since December alone. This downward trend is seen to continue as the reduction is mostly driven by the lowering of fuel prices.

"We believe that this is an opportunity to take advantage of the low rate to address the issues, the financial requirements for operations at this time," Camacho told the business community.

Just last Saturday, the CUC board and its consultants have discussed finalizing their rate application to be filed to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission this month.

The application, Docket 16-01, will ask for the approval of two surcharges: the Disaster Recovery surcharge which will be $0.0145 per kilowatt hour and the Capital Improvement surcharge of $0.0225 per kilowatt hour.

The Disaster Recovery surcharge which is designed to recover CUC's 10 percent share in typhoon damages, will be implemented across all ratepayers, while the Capital Improvement surcharge, will only be applied to commercial and government accounts—equating to a total of $0.037 per kilowatt hour surcharge for the two latter rate paying class.

'Board decision'

Chamber secretary Alex Sablan asked Camacho to explain the rate request and why is CUC asking for the 10 percent reimbursement when there is a possibility of the CNMI government being covered 100 percent by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Why did CUC asked for rate recoup of 10 percent? Is it separate from the central government, is that why?" Sablan said, "Please explain why is this borne on the business and government accounts and not spread along all the accounts in the commonwealth, residential being the third account?"

The Chamber president later on also asked Camacho how much is the total cost of the restoration expenses that CUC is trying to recover.

However, Camacho was unable to answer the questions directly. He did acknowledge that there is an "opportunity for the CNMI" to be reimbursed 100 percent by FEMA. Previous meetings by the board said the typhoon surcharge could be removed once this was implemented.

For the total restoration expenses, Camacho said they don't have the finalized numbers yet but it is around $25 million to $30 million.

As for the decision on who pays the surcharge, Camacho said, "I'd like to answer that because I do have my own opinions on that, however, that is the decision made by the board of directors."

Camacho added that he "prefers that they answer that question" and apologized that he cannot answer directly.

"There is an opportunity through the CPUC, there is an avenue and a channel for anybody in the community to state their claim and express their opinions on that decision at that particular junction," Camacho said.

IRP delays

Camacho also updated Chamber members on the state of CUC's power plants. He said they currently have two power plants and have 57 megawatts of capacity and a 30-megawatt peak load.

He added that repairs at Power Plant 1 will increase CUC's capacity to 68 megawatts in one year and that they are reviewing options for engine No. 8 at Power Plant 1 that will add another nine megawatts within one to two years.

With the boom in the development on island, Camacho said they anticipate an increase in the load of approximately 21 megawatts.

"CUC can accommodate that particular demand over the next few years," Camacho said.

When Palacios asked what will happen to CUC after two years, Camacho said they are "currently reviewing options for long term solution."

With the anticipated additional production that will be required from their facilities accompanied by issues of losses, power plant repairs, and foundations issues, Sablan also asked Camacho about the recent board's move to delay action on its IRP.

"I understand that this is a board decision as well, but do you believe that the right approach is to delay that process and talk to the oil company that will supply, whoever it is, when we're talking about alternatives down the road?" Sablan said.

Camacho said that it will be the decision of Mobil to entertain their request to go renegotiate or not.

"Is it something that we believe is the right decision to do, as far as the IRP that you're referring to…the IRP is critical, is important for all of us, in 20 years. It's still on the table but there are options. [The board] hasn't come to that conclusion yet but I think they will, and I believe they are interested in doing so," Camacho said.

However, board members in prior meetings showed hesitation on moving on with the IRP as it could mean further increasing the rates to fund the projects. Although they did not yet dismiss the IRP entirely, further discussion was tabled as of now.

For the Chamber's part, Palacios said they will discuss the upcoming rate proposals as a Chamber and might have a position on the matter before the CPUC. ***(Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)***

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CPA board tasks management to look into M/V *Luta* arrival

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The possible arrival of the awaited M/V *Luta* was among the topics discussed during the board of directors meeting held by the Commonwealth Ports Authority last Wednesday.

Director Barrie Toves raised the discussion to the board saying that there is information that M/V *Luta* will be arriving soon.

"It's expected to arrive March 19," Toves said.

However, Toves said the information needs to be verified by CPA management and see if it's truly coming in.

"We've been anticipating this ship to come in and service the people of Rota and Tinian and the rest of the commonwealth and ease the hardship in terms of the shipping cost that drives up the commodities, the cost of living for both southernmost islands," Toves said.

"This will really help Rota with their shipping problems," he added.

Toves added that he'd like for CPA management to look into its facilities, adding that they don't know the size and the scope of the ship yet.

"My biggest concern there is that, as we all know the facility down there is very small, congested," Toves said, "If they are going to implement passenger, ferry services, we need CPA to look into the facility and how we can accommodate them."

M/V *Luta* is said to be home-ported on Rota.

Director Roman Tudela echoed Toves' sentiments, calling on management to witness the arrival of the ship to know the vessel and see how it's handled.

Toves encouraged the board to engage with the company handling the M/V *Luta* and be vigilant in anticipating the venture that's coming in.

"I want to make sure that everything is in order for us to address immediately not to wait until such time that they arrive," Toves said.

M/V *Luta*, a retrofitted passenger and cargo vessel, was said to set sail from its current port in Louisiana to Rota last April.

In September 2014, Japanese businessman Takahisa Yamamoto invested about $1.6 million in the retrofitted cargo and passenger ship that will bring passengers, agricultural goods, and other consumer items to and from Rota, Saipan, Tinian, the Northern Islands, and Guam.

Yamamoto, from Osaka, Japan, owns Luta Mermaid LLC, the main business of which is to operate M/V *Luta*.

The 150-foot-long, 500-ton cargo ship was in Louisiana to obtain a certificate of inspection from the U.S. Coast Guard. The ship can accommodate 18 passengers and can carry up to 28 20-foot containers.

Mom calls cops as son allegedly swung machete, yelled at her

Police arrested on Wednesday a 40-year-old man after his mother called the police for allegedly swinging a machete at her house in Susupe and threatening to kill their family.

Morell B. Esteves was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a $10,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for March 9 at 9am.

Police Detective Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that last Monday, the mother called the Department of Public Safety that Esteves was swinging a machete at her house.

A police officer responded and arrested Esteves.

The following morning, Esteves was released from prison. Her mother, however, went to Karidat to file a temporary restraining order and complaint because he was allegedly shouting profanities at her when she refused to accept his apology.

Preliminary investigation showed that when a police officer responded to the scene on Monday, the mother's hands were shaking and her body was shivering.

Esteves allegedly yelled at the officer to leave as he was not doing anything. The defendant also yelled at her mother for calling the police.

The officer handcuffed Esteves and placed him in the police car as he continued to investigate.

The officer learned that at 7:45am that day, Monday, Esteves came inside the house with a machete and yelling at her mother with profanities.

Esteves went to a neighbor's house and started to hit their window with the machete, telling them to leave because they never pay rent.

Esteves and his mother then started arguing. He then swung the machete at the filing cabinet.

The mother said she punched her son on the face and she then went inside the house to call the police.

The following day, Tuesday, the mother went to DPS where she filed another complaint against Esteves.

The mother said after Esteves was released from jail last Tuesday, he showed up at her residence at 9am and apologized to her. When she refused to accept his apology because she is tired of him, the defendant allegedly started yelling profanities at her.

Police served an arrest warrant to the defendant in Chalan Kanoa on Wednesday late afternoon. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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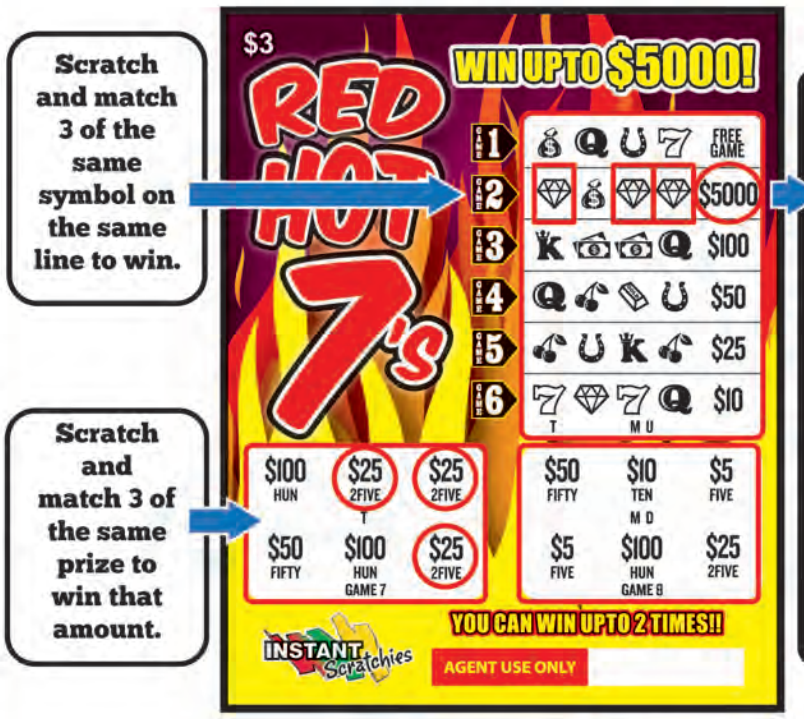

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‘Everything About Her’ showing on Saipan a rousing success

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The showing of “Everything About Her” on Saipan was a rousing success with Filipinos and even some non-Pinoy moviegoers lining up to see the Vilma Santos headliner The movie was shown with English subtitles and had a week-long screening at the Regal Saipan Megaplex.

“Our initial offering on Saipan was a tremendous success and had over 2,000 Filipinos and even non-Pinoys went out to see the movie,” said The Filipino Channel marketing specialist James Redmond Chua, who is in charge of the CNMI and Guam accounts.

The 200-seater Regal Cinema Megaplex 7, where the Cinema Evaluation Board of the Philippines-Grade A comedy-drama film was shown, was almost full on opening day alone and the numbers went up as the days went by especially during the weekend.

Santos

Multi-awarded and veteran Filipino actress Santos plays the role of real estate mogul Vivian, who was dying from cancer, while former teen star Angel Locsin is Jaica, a hired nurse tasked to take care of the former in order to conceal her medical condition. Xian Lim plays Santos’ estranged son Albert.

Vivian then orders Jaica to convince Albert to come home and live with her in the hopes of fixing their broken relationship before she dies.

Chua said the film’s message of giving importance to your family and the value of forgiveness did transcend to a lot of moviegoers.

Kolinta Montoya, from the Federated States of Micronesia and watched the movie with her husband Edwin and several other relatives, said the movie teaches a lot of lessons, especially learning how to forgive those who hurt you.

“It teaches you lessons, one of which is if you’re still alive learn to forgive and learn to love,” she said.

“You should also be compassionate and nobody should die alone. We really enjoyed it,” added Virginia San Nicolas, who joined the Montoyas in watching the film.

Northern Marianas International School teachers Catherine Barja and Criselda Aldan said each member of the family should treat each other well with or without illness.

“It is a relationship between a mother and son that were not close to each other. Each have their own crisis in their lives,” said Barja.

“You must treat each other well even if you’re not sick or not,” added Aldan.

TFC, with the movie’s success, also announced that the Gerald Anderson and Arci Munoz film “Always Be My Maybe” will be shown on March 11 at the Regal Cinema Megaplex 7.

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Employees and Fellows join hands to clean adopted highway

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Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan employees and some members of the Pacific Century Fellows pick up trash along Beach Road in Garapan last Saturday.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan employees and some members of the Pacific Century Fellows joined hands in cleaning a one-mile stretch along Beach Road as part of their service to the community. This is Fiesta’s first clean up for 2016.

The clean up was held last Saturday, Feb. 27, where 26 bags of trash and other debris weighing roughly 150 lbs. Thirty-eight Fiesta employees, led by general manager Abner Acosta and nine PCF members joined the community service.

The group started from the Fire Station near the American Memorial Park and covered one mile that ended at Angaha Street near the U.S. District Court for the CNMI. That one-mile stretch is Fiesta’s adopted area since 2013.

The cleanup, held on a monthly basis, is part of Fiesta’s management and employees’ commitment of keeping the CNMI clean and beautiful.

“We wish to extend our appreciation to members of the inaugural class of 2014 Pacific Century Fellows and Fiesta volunteers for being a part of the movement to help ‘Beautify CNMI,’” said Acosta, also a PCF alumnus who is a member of the 2014 class. The PCF teamed up with Project Ayudu in holding a five-kilometer “Back On Our Feet” walk last Oct. 3 to raise funds to repair or rebuild homes that were either damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor. ***(Jon Perez)***

UOG Theater Department presents ‘Seasons of Love: A Musical Showcase’

The University of Guam Theater proudly presents its spring 2016 production “Seasons of Love: A Musical Showcase” at the UOG Fine Arts Theater on March 3-5 and March 10-12 at 7pm. The performance will entail singing and dancing of musical numbers from composers such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Kander and Ebb.

UOG and GCC students will be admitted for free with a current student ID or class schedule. Price for youth/seniors is $7.50 and general admission is $10. ***(PR)***

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Igisomar announces intent to seek re-election

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) has formally submitted his intent to run for re-election under the CNMI's Republican Party. He officially transmitted his intent to party president James Ada, on Jan. 12, 2016. Igisomar, a freshman senator, won the CNMI's special election by a landslide during the 2014 Special Election for Senate—Saipan.

Despite having a significantly shorter term compared to his colleagues, Igisomar has introduced bold initiatives to include the introduction of a Medicinal Marijuana bill, in addition to new legislation, which aims to allow for Economic Development Bonds, which have no government obligation for repayment. In addition to these initiatives, the senator has been a staunch critic of air service provider, Cape Air. His continued advocacy for quality service for the islands includes correspondence to United Airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Igisomar

Igisomar is the chairman for the Senate Standing Committee on Public Utilities Transportation and Communication (PUTC), vice chairman for the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation (SNILD), and chairman for the SNILD Standing Committee on JGO.

"I believe that my commitment to the people of Saipan and the greater CNMI, has been illustrated in the short time that I have held office. It is a privilege to serve the people of Saipan and I firmly believe that there is still much work to be done. I know that I can't tend to everyone's needs and that I will have my share of critics, however I have and will continue to introduce measures and implement initiatives that meet the needs of the broadest spectrum of my constituents as I possibly can. I want to serve our people again and I ask them once again for their support and trust to continue to serve them," said Igisomar.

For the retirees, Igisomar was active and vocal in working with the Legislative Leadership and the Administration to look-out for the welfare of the retirees and make sure there is stable funding for their pension and strongly advocating and supporting for the passage of the following laws:

■ House Bill No. 19-136, SD1, entitled, "To amend Public Law No. 19-08 to specifically authorize the Governor to reprogram Executive Branch Appropriations to pay for the 25 percent pension payments; and for other purposes" – now public law 19-35;

■ House Bill No. 19-137, HD1 , SD1 , entitled, "To amend 4 CMC § 1803, Distribution of Revenues Marianas Visitor Authority and the Retirement Fund and to repeal 1 CMC § 8365, Tax Revenue; and to make the Act apply retroactively; and for other purposes" – now public law 19-36; and

■ Saipan Local Law 19-12 To appropriate the Two Million US Dollars ($2,000,000) allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public Law 18-56 for the retirement 25 percent pension.

Igisomar has initiated the process for his intent to run for re-election, the Republican Party will need to adhere to its internal process prior its public endorsement for its slate of candidates in the upcoming election. ***(PR)***

CDA celebrates 30th anniversary

»Torres: Support small biz opportunities

The Commonwealth Development Authority is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month and has set a series of open house and stakeholder meetings and workshops this March.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, before a crowd of CDA officials, signed a proclamation Tuesday to the commemorating the anniversary this month.

CDA officials present on Tuesday spoke of the "momentum" its small business loan program under the U.S. Department of Treasury was getting, crossing the threshold of disbursement needed to get the next $4 million tranche of Treasury funds.

"[SSBCI] has been an eye opener for us," said CDA executive director Manuel Sablan. "In the beginning none of the banks were willing to move in," he said, adding that the program was bank-driven.

CDA officials continued to thank participating banks, Bank of Guam and City Trust Bank, on Tuesday, for their participation.

Sablan said the program has seen new or sustained employment generated "from every loan" the program approves. "We are setting up a track record on this," he added.

Torres, for his part, said CDA is one agency that often gets "overlooked. "Nobody likes paperwork," Torres said but added there are "folks out there with business ideas that need to pushed."

CDA, established by public law in 1985, is agency tasked with providing financial and technical assistance to facilitate start-up or private and public enterprise in the CNMI.

The agency also supports and participates in the Junior Achievement program, which is in its fourth cycle this year, and sees students from competing high schools develop business models and products to sell and advertise.

CDA will hold open houses on Mondays throughout the month of March; conduct stakeholder's meeting on March 8 on Tinian, March 10 on Saipan, and March 16 on Rota.

On March 22 and 23, CDA will sponsor a two-day profit mastery workshop with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Local GOP caucus on March 15

The Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands will hold its caucus on March 15, from 6pm to 8:30pm at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion in Susupe. Voting starts promptly at 6:30pm and ends at 8:30pm. ***(PR)***

Free dental fillings and extractions on Tinian this weekend

Dentists from the Saipan SDA Dental Clinic will be arriving on Tinian this Friday, March 4, to perform free dental fillings and extractions at the Tinian Health Center dental office.

Fillings and extractions will be conducted on Friday, March 4, and Sunday, March 6, at THC dental clinic.

Hours of operation are from 9am to 5:30pm with a one-hour lunch break from 11:30am through 12pm.

This free dental service will be conducted on a first come first served basis courtesy of the CNMI 7th Day Adventist Church. ***(PR)***

MIFICPA tax seminar tomorrow, March 5

The Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs and Accountants is inviting the public to this year's tax seminar, to be held on March 5, 2015, a Saturday, from 8am to 12pm at the Coral Ocean Point. This year's tax seminar will focus on tax updates for 2015, changes in tax laws, and tax filing requirements. David J. Burger, director for Burger & Comer, PC Certified Public Accountants, will be the guest speaker.

Registration starts at 7:30am. Registration fee for members is $20. Non-members and non-accountants are also welcome for the same fee, which includes refreshments, lunch, and certificate of attendance.

We encourage participants to turn in their tax questions ahead of time to facilitate the question-and-answer portion of the seminar by contacting any of the organizers below.

For reservation and more details, call or email Olive Aninon at 287-6587 (olive.mificpa@gmail.com); Noli Santos at 285-6810 (nolsantos@yahoo.com); Irene Santiago at 789-0320 (irene_saipan@yahoo.com); Eloisa Agustin at 287-9367 (eloi18@yahoo.com); or Cris Bucalig at 287-0945i (cris_bong@yahoo.com). ***(PR)***

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3 SCS students advance to NJSDA nationals

Three students from Saipan Community School will represent the CNMI in the 2016 nationals of the National Junior Speech and Debate Association.

Eighth graders Esther Park and Kate Ishida and seventh grader James Park will be part of the CNMI NJSDA Team that will compete in the nationals set later this year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Esther Park won for storytelling, Ishida for original oratory, and James Park for poetry.

In all, 15 students from SCS qualified to the NJSDA regionals that took place from Feb. 24 to 27 at Hopwood Junior High School and Mt. Carmel School.

Aside from first place in storytelling, Esther Park also finished second in prose, while Ishida also was first place in humorous interpretation. She could only represent the CNMI in one category and she chose humorous interpretation. James Park, meanwhile, also took third place in duo interpretation with partner Shaina Lee, also a seventh grader.

Maxine Rabago, also a seventh grader, finished runner-up to Ishida in humorous interpretation. She also bagged fourth place in impromptu. Her classmate, Vinson Bacani, ranked 4th in humorous interpretation.

Also advancing to the final round in storytelling was eighth grader Yelee Cha, while Tina Zhen (prose), James Park (prose), and Bacani (poetry) made it to the semifinals.

SCS NJSDA team coach Ashley Sikayun congratulated the two Parks and Ishida for making it to the nationals of the competition. She also praised the 15-man SCS NJSDA Team for making great strides in the regionals.

"The SCS team has been preparing for this event all year, and their strong finish is a testament to the hard work and dedication they have put in to speech. I'm very happy for and proud of all of them!" she said.

Sikayun's sister, O'Ronia, assisted her in the coaching chores and also judged in the regionals of NJSDA. ***(PR)***

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Saipan Community School's National Junior Speech and Debate Association team poses for a group photo.

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From left, Saipan Community School's Esther Park, James Park, and Kate Ishida advanced to the nationals of National Junior Speech and Debate Association set later this year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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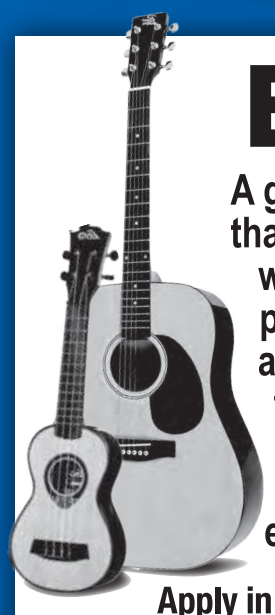

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An Irish puzzle: Election results leave uncertainty in governance

Ireland's elections on Friday produced such a jumble of results that no government is expected by some to be in place before Easter, March 27.

What is clear is that it won't be the same Fine Gael-Labor coalition that governed the country from 2011 to the present. Fine Gael, led by Prime Minister Enda Kenny, and Labor both lost seats in the 158-seat parliament. The matter will be complicated by the fact that a coalition of the first- and second-place-finishing parties, Fine Gael and Fianna Fail, will apparently find it difficult to form the coalition that some are calling for by the fact that Fianna Fail's leaders have already declared their unwillingness to join one led by Fine Gael. Both parties are characterized as center-right.

In the meantime, the parliament, the Dail, will reconvene on March 10 with Kenny as caretaker leader.

The other new element in the Irish political picture is the emergence of Sinn Fein — led by Gerry Adams, formerly darkened in the eyes of voters by its association with the Irish Republican Army and its bloody actions — into third place among the Irish parties. It won 14 seats in 2011; this time, it took 22 seats, putting it in third place. It, too, has already in principle refused a coalition with Fine Gael and Fianna Fail.

Friday's election, which brought out some 65 percent of Ireland's 3 million eligible voters, was not a ho-hum affair, even though the country has continued along a path out of the economic slump that it was in, showing the strongest growth in the eurozone for the past two years. Sinn Fein opposes the Fine Gael-Labor austerity policies that are considered to have contributed to the country's strong recovery record.

Irish governments are almost always coalitions and the country is well enough aware of the vulnerability of its economy, demonstrated in the days of the 2008 world recession when it required a bailout, not to linger too long in building a new coalition. The two center-right parties, Fine Gael and Fianna Fail, are probably not enchanted to see the rise of Sinn Fein into a more prominent position, but it may be that a truly grand coalition of the three is waiting on the front porch.

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Robed in black

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I showed up in the sala of a judge to find out what the traffic citation I got was for. I had a code number I cannot decipher but the lawyer in the plaintiff's table informed me that by the summons, I did a sudden swerve in traffic. She figured it was a $25 fine. I would have gladly paid the fine and skip the audience with the judge save that I was broke. I showed up and am glad as none appearance costs a $500 fine.

It was more than two hours before I walked up to the judge through the prosecutor; the judge did not have a folder on me. It turned out the police officer did not prepare a folder against me and someone in the audience said that I was issued a "quota" traffic violation; the officer just expected me to pay without appearing in court.

Because there was no folder, and the officer did not appear in court, my offense was dismissed and the only cost was more than two hours of listening and watching the administration of justice. This was what the two-hour banter was worth. On this day, the wrangling was on the precise and proper definition of procedure.

But first, let me get to how my man-in-blue wrote me a ticket.

I turned left off Antonio Apa Road fronting the Northern Marianas College into Msgr. Guerrero's busy lane. The stop lights were not working the day before, giving out only a blinking red light, so when it turned green, I dashed into the road heading for the lagoon on the steep incline.

Living in Finasisu, I usually take the Joaquin Doi Road to the CK Post Office to go into town since the road incline is not too steep. The one at NMC is, but I rushed home from town to retrieve a document I forgot so I hurried back down to Oleai before an office closed for lunch. I let the car pick up speed without pushing the accelerator, swerving in the process. Like a jolt in a sleep, a light suddenly swirled behind me.

I was going at 62 miles per hour, the officer said. Recognizable. Without trying, the traffic usually runs at 56 miles per hour going down hill. So I was prepared to receive a ticket and go to the courthouse to pay the fine. I got a summons instead with illegible code violation and no indication of fine. So I took it home, entered it into my calendar and forgot about it until my laptop alerted me to go to court.

I went to court and "here come the judge." The judge looked familiar, not only because his likeness was always in the papers but also because he showed up once in a group I helped start; his child has the same medical condition as two of mine. His wife is also a well-connected lawyer that I had been tempted to go see in my desperate search for an income-generating activity. One of her legal interests is associated with the casino industry, which I experienced in the CNMI lately as parading blithely dressed in fancy camouflage of the resort hotel cum casino Singapore type, so unless I really hit bottom on food, I will defer from seeking employ in her domain.

For the day though, the judge was in a black robe, and I was holding summons on a traffic violation. But the judge had to first hear a procedural motion and make a ruling before he dealt with traffic violations. The case before him had been in the papers of late about an elderly gentleman accused by his own wife of no longer being mentally competent to run his Saipan business. The prosecution wanted permission to engage in "discovery" to prove that the accused is, in fact, incompetent.

Defense said, "Whoa, not too fast" (my language). The prosecution was on a fishing expedition, bypassing the normal procedure to have the client be legally declared incompetent, but relying on medical opinions without the force of law. Prosecution went for the drama and thundered: What have they got to hide? Not pertinent to the matter at hand, it was dramatically made anyway.

The judge found the defense presentation more persuasive. My experience of being an observer to both parties was fun and instructive. To begin with, I knew the defense lawyer and the one supporting the prosecution with documents, so it was nice to see them again; the other three were prominent ones whose names and photos are familiar, often in the *ST*. But their banter ate up more than an hour; the judge walked out into his chamber past nine. I was in Court a good part of the morning.

After the banter on procedures, the judge delved with a pile of files prepared for him, injecting humor in the proceedings as one defendant after another received fines for traffic violations. The judge asked each how they earned their living to know how much time he would give a defendant to pay the hefty fine. When he exhausted the files, I went up to the prosecutor who called the judge's attention, and finally, got my case dismissed.

I am now more cautious about speed traps, intentionally observing road rules. I defer from the flow when everyone is over speeding, take the slow lane. The court is precise on rules. I don't intend to be in court ever again.

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Skeeters and Zika

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There's nothing sneakier than mosquitos. So it's time to slap at yet another skeeter story today, even though we considered the topic last December. Back then, I looked at how the latest gene splicing techniques might be enlisted to combat malaria. Meanwhile, a mosquito-borne virus called "Zika" has been working its way into global headlines.

As of now, much of the Zika news is focused on South America. But if you're feeling upstaged, I'll note that Micronesia was actually part of the story before the story went prime time. That's because Yap experienced a Zika outbreak in 2007.

On that note, a Barcelona Centre for International Health Research report, "Zika Virus Outbreak on Yap Island," by Ned Hayes, M.D., is available on the Web.

The symptoms most often listed were a rash and a fever, and having the virus was described as "generally mild and self-limited."

Yap's outbreak, according to the report, was the first outbreak of Zika, although the virus itself was already known to scientists. The virus was discovered in Uganda's Zika forest in 1947. Hey, now we know where the name comes from. As for how the virus got to Yap, well, that's listed as a question mark.

Speaking of question marks, I don't know if Zika's path will put Micronesia back on its itinerary. Fortunately, it's not my job to know such things. No, my job is to settle down in my beach chair, make nice conversation with people, and occasionally squint at the horizon with long gazes so it looks like I'm thinking deep thoughts even though I'm really daydreaming about cheeseburgers.

So here's my distant-gaze thought: Mosquitos and viruses aren't impressive organisms viewed against a human scale of complexity, but they have far quicker feedback loops for their evolution. Those creatures can play a million hands of biological blackjack and double down on their winning mutations before a human can even get a free cocktail at the table.

When it comes to bugs and germs, time is their alley, not ours.

These uneven odds bring to mind a quote attributed to mathematician and philosopher Nassim Nicholas Taleb: "Time is smarter than you."

That's a humbling notion, and certainly a true one.

Speaking of time, despite some promising advances in fancy stuff like genetic engineering on the laboratory front, the neck-slapping level of skeeter fighting doesn't seem to have advanced much in recent times. Lacking a breakthrough in recency, then, I'll revert to primacy. So I still use the same type of mosquito repellent that I was using 30 years ago. No, I'm not trying to be stubborn, but I simply haven't found anything else that seems to work better, at least in the circumstances I've faced.

I have, however, found a good resource for the modern world of skeeters. It's a site called "Mosquito Research and Management," written by Dr. Cameron Webb, an Australian entomologist. I'll put the URL on a separate line, in hopes that it doesn't get dissected by a line break. Here it is:

CameronWebb.Wordpress.com

The site has many links to Zika information, and it has also has a free, 12-page guide with a lot of wisdom, "Beating the bite of mosquito-borne disease: A guide to personal protection strategies against Australian mosquitoes." I think it's safe to assume that those of us not in Australia can still glean some good information here.

On the biology note, here are a couple of tidbits of information from that guide. It says that in the warmer months, mosquitos can go from egg to adult in less than one week. It also says that adult mosquitos typically live for up to three weeks. Well, now we know. Those critters sure do cause a lot of mischief in their brief little lives.

As much as I don't like mosquitos, I've had it easier than my wife did when she was growing up. Her home in the Philippines had no air-conditioning, so its windows were always open but the windows didn't have screens. Everyone slept under mosquito netting and sometimes they burned anti-mosquito coils inside the house.

The reason that my little bottle of bug repellent has duct tape wrapped around it is so the tape can be used to secure mosquito netting when afield. This approach can get a lot of mileage as long as the repellent doesn't get on the tape (it will mess up the tape) and as long as the tape is husbanded by taking it off in thin strips instead of full-width strips. This technique may well be my only contribution to humanity's pool of knowledge, so I figure that now that I've shared it, the least you can do is buy me lunch.

And you can always tell when I'm up for lunch: It's when I'm gazing at the horizon.

Planning our future, anybody?

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There are reasons for my advocating a set of fully thought-out economic plan compiled and reviewed by key players here with the help of professional planners. It should give prominence to a "vision statement," a clear guide of current and future goals of the local government.

It should serve as a blue print to "improve the welfare of our people and communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient, and attractive places for present and future generations.

"Planners work with elected and appointed officials such as mayors and planning commissioners to lead the planning process with the goal of creating communities of lasting value. In the creation of a plan, planners identify the strategies by which the community can reach its goals and vision in, e.g., the tourism industry and how the industry should assimilate into our community.

"It is important to recognize that a plan can take a variety of forms including: policy recommendations, community action plans, comprehensive plans, emplacement of basic infrastructure, neighborhood plans, regulatory and incentive strategies, or historic preservation plans."

Unless we plan FOR our future versus plan BY eventualities, the net effect is to rein-in unintended consequences mired and reduced to hardship because we've failed ourselves. The consequence of playing it by ear is itself one of devastation where the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. Why is Guam thriving? Because it has a plan that it refines as it moves forward.

The fickleness of the tourism industry (and it turns even more fragile given the tension in the region between the U.S. and China) should matter to any decent minded elected official of the need to push for economic diversification.

In brief, we shouldn't leave all our eggs in a single basket, so to speak. We must push farming and fishing beyond institutional levels. It would take meticulous planning and policies to head down this path. And protracted the process may be, we shouldn't shy away from opening better opportunities of the two sectors.

Staple of negligence: The NMI is suffering from a prolonged bout with the lack of leadership. People at the helm have opted for polished victimhood alongside business cronies. And they ensure there's a distance between them and the people they represent out of fear of hearing the truth.

The deepening fiscal crisis at home has been fed by staples of negligence we refuse to admit though treat it with business as usual. Now there's a seeming threat to hurl self-inflicted NMI fiscal crisis as superficial excuse for Covenant Agreement review. It's history! The agreement we approved by over 78 percent is a permanent arrangement.

The only option on the table is to request the executive branch of the federal government to revive the 902 Talks. If it is granted, it means long working hours reviewing federal laws and self-prescribed anomalies in the agreement. Upon agreeing on collective findings, the package is sent to the U.S. Congress.

This is where the work gets harder too. The bicameral U.S. Congress has over 500 members each with his own issues. Ours is like a grain of sand at the bottom of a million gallon water tank. Most could care less about our future! It's a longer journey to perceived justice than meets the eye.

The issue of fiscal insolvency merits serious self-evaluation. This exercise is part and whole of self-government—policy review and refinement—to improve opportunities to foster an even playing field especially for the disadvantaged.

The occasional uproar of half-cocked spouts for review of the agreement is now customary in the local DNA—disorientation—chest pounding like mini King Kong. We would eventually outgrow adolescence if in fact we address and resolve fiscal insolvency in the immediate future though it isn't one I view with any sense of optimism.

Somehow, the regurgitation of the same tired arguments reminds me of our seeking to watch the parade when it has already left the parade ground. Let's accept the fact that most of the elected officials never had any sense of vision or foresight to anticipate the unintended consequences of piling staples of negligence on our dinner table. A rudderless journey is woefully dangerous!

Limiting fed policy: We should also be mindful that immigration is now federal policy. It requires providing jobs for U.S. zitizens and future workers from foreign countries would have to shift to H-1 or H-2 workers. The NMI no longer has the free hand to hire foreign workers as it used to be. It now must focus and begin training and educating locals by empowering them with the requisite skills acquisition or competency level. It's a protracted journey in itself.

I'm not particularly enamored by the imposition of such federal policy. But it was the feds' way of reminding the NMI that it can't continue abusing foreign workers. But it grants us the ability to move into planned growth and development at our own pace. My disappointment is that labor and immigration must move together in tandem. We abused it until we lost it permanently. Thus the greater need to "plan" ahead. No longer could we second-guess our future. It's now or never!

Help via agreement: The Covenant provides for assistance via the State of Department on matters relating to economic programs in nearby Japan and Asian countries. Through official protocol we could explore assistance in applied technology for farming and fishing via private industries or universities. This would be the right approach to instituting planning so it is organized, followed and funded to help locals venture into entrepreneurship.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Not getting my point

I read some of the comments in response to my letter and I came away with a conclusion that some of them did not get the point I was trying to make. I watch the "World News" daily on my laptop. There is turmoil in different parts of the world. The one that concerns me most is North Korea. I urge your readers to access "North Korea."

I was trying to send a message to your readers wherein in part I stated that; "We must be prepared to use whatever it takes to protect ourselves and our "motherland." "Guam has various military bases as their contribution to defend our freedom. We also benefit from the generosity of Guam. We must also be willing to contribute and accommodate the strategic need for our own security".

In reading the responses against my letter, I get the impression that they did not fully get the point I was trying to make. We must also be willing to contribute and accommodate the strategic need for our own security.

Other than the leasehold property on Tinian, what have we done to show the Defense Department that we recognize the sacrifice our men and women in uniform are enduring. WE SHOULD AT LEAST SAY, THANK YOU. Above all, let's begin by thanking our own native sons and daughters in uniform by showing our appreciation—SI YUUS MAASE… Thank You. Is it too much to ask?

David "Uncle Dave" M. Sablan Sr.
Papago

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.
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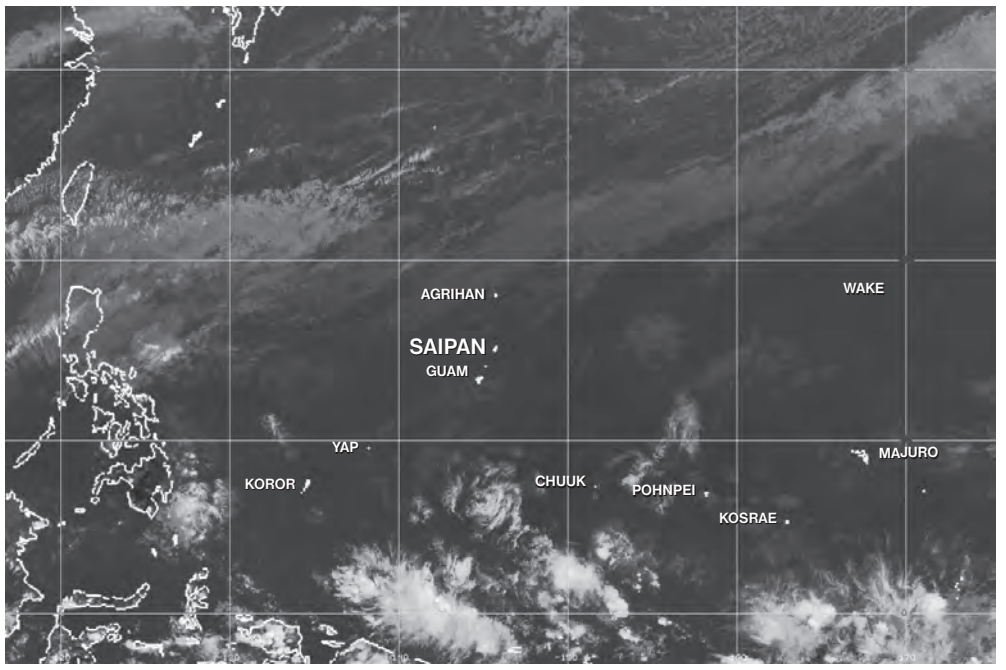
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 12:45 PM, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front enters the discussion area near 25N165E and extends to 21N154E then continues as shear line stretching southwestward through 130E at 15N passing just northwest of the far Northern Marianas. Cloudiness and scattered showers are along and up to 350 miles northwest of this boundary. A surface trough curves southeastward from 4N130E to EQN142E. Scattered showers are seen southeast of Koror and Yap between the equator and 3N from 138E to 152E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Majuro between the equator and 2N from 171E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼71
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼75
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼75
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼72
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼74
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼73

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲57	▼30
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲74	▼61
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼63
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲48	▼37
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲72	▼51
Manila	Sunny	▲86	▼71
Melbourne	Sunny	▲79	▼59
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼57
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲42	▼16
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼39
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲48	▼35
Pusan	Sunny	▲61	▼38
Rome	Sunny	▲60	▼45
Salem	Light Showers	▲57	▼44
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲63	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲55	▼41
Tokyo	Sunny	▲58	▼30
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲43	▼19

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:44 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
2:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:28 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:32 AM	6:25 PM
Saturday	6:32 AM	6:26 PM
Sunday	6:31 AM	6:26 PM
Monday	6:30 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	6:30 AM	6:26 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:04 AM	1:47 PM
Saturday	2:56 AM	2:42 PM
Sunday	3:48 AM	3:39 PM
Monday	4:40 AM	4:38 PM
Tuesday	5:31 AM	5:38 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	11:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM
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UA2928/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA2926/191	9:50pm	7:20am+1	1, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	9:00am+1	3, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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OZ628/721	3:50am	12:50am	Daily via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:35am	3:10pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
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OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA116/2920	10:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is DDEAM?

Well, let me see, where do I begin?

In 2001, the year I began working in the disability field, was the first time I heard and learned about the various disability programs in the CNMI, as I was a teacher prior. As I began working with our fine folks in the disability related offices in the CNMI, I began to realize that we have great potential because of the people, and the skills they bring to the table. Slowly but surely, our collaboration began, and continued.

In 2004, the CNMI Tri Agency group collaborated and met with the heads of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) in Hawaii. The Tri-Agency is made up of three entities, the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) and the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities out of the Northern Marianas College. The Tri-Agency met with counterparts from American Samoa, Guam and Hawaii with the ADD. The ADD expressed their pleasure with the CNMI's level of collaboration.

In 2009, the collaboration reached a new high when the disability related organizations came together to support the Autism Society of the CNMI (ASCNMI), which was a parent support group at the time, as well as an agent for promoting autism awareness. With the support of the Tri-Agencies group collaborating with the CNMI Public School System's Special Education Program, and an NMC student Jan Reyes, we were able to pull off the first Quiz Nite with over 120 participants and the first Hot Dog Walk and Family Fun Day for Autism Awareness.

In 2012, more disability related agencies got together including the tri-agencies, ASCNMI, the Center for Living Independently (CLI), the Independent Living Group out of CLI, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and self-advocates participated in a gathering in Honolulu by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) to promote the creation of a grassroots self-advocacy group in the CNMI. Another level of collaboration was reached with this event as the CNMI showed just how well we work together, and was evident to the ADD. The result was the creation of the CNMI V.O.I.C.E.S. (Very Outspoken Individuals Can Each Succeed) with Chapters on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Today, the CNMI VOICES chapters are active and push for change and inclusion, as they promote their rights through self-advocacy and awareness in our islands.

In 2015, another milestone was reached as far as collaboration by our disability related agencies with the official creation of a coalition called the CNMI Disability Network Partners (DNP) in October during the aftermath of Super Typhoon Soudelor. The DNP has over a dozen member agencies including but not limited to:

1. The CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
2. The CNMI Office of Transportation Authority (COTA)
3. The Center for Living Independently (CLI)
4. The Independent Living Group (ILG)
5. The CNMI Tri-Agencies (CDD, UCEDD, & NMPASI)
6. The Statewide Independent Living Center (SILC)
7. The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
8. The Special Education Program (SPED)
9. The CNMI Public School System (PSS)
10. The Autism Society of the CNMI (ASCNMI)
11. The Children with Special Medical Needs Program (CSMNP)
12. The Maternal Child Health Program (MCH)
13. The CNMI Respite Care Program (CRSP)
14. The CNMI V.O.I.C.E.S. Self Advocacy Group Saipan and Tinian Chapters (Very Outspoken Individuals Can Each Succeed)
15. The Pinnacle Staffing Company

The DNP operates under the following three goals which were proposed by Floyd Masga of UCEDD. These goals were adopted unanimously by the founding members of the DNP on November 19th, 2015, at the NMPASI Conference Room in Gualo Rai. They are as follows:

1. To partner or support each other in sanctioned events and activities.
2. Reach out and provide services to as many individuals as possible.
3. Be the forefront in support of disability rights in the Commonwealth.

On Monday March 7th to the 9th 2016 at the World Resort's Taga Room, the culmination of years of collaboration by your disability related organizations will come together with this three day event. The CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation usually celebrates the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in October, but due to Soudelor last year, it was postponed. The Council on Developmental Disabilities also has an awareness month in March called the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM). Because of our continuing teamwork, OVR and CDD have agreed to share the month of March 2016 as their joint awareness month. So, for the first time ever, the two awareness months, NDEAM and DDAM, were put together and the DNP came up with the first ever Developmental Disabilities Employment Awareness Month (DDEAM)! This disability employment awareness conference is the biggest effort so far by your DNP. It will have many topics and presenter panels including but not limited to: Information on Disability Awareness and Etiquette, Individualized Education Plans, Individualized Plans for Employment, 504 Plans, The Americans with Disabilities Act, The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, The Rehabilitation Act, Workforce Investment Opportunity Act, Tax Incentives, Self-Advocacy, The CNMI Workforce panelist presentations and so on. So don't hesitate as seating is limited. To register, call OVR at 322-6537 or 8 to register with Vai or Maggie for this first time event!

For more on DDEAM and or disability related issues, please do not hesitate to call NMPASI at 235-7273 or 4, TTY or Fax at 235-7275, or online at www.nmpasi.org.

Thank you for your time and hope to see you at World Resort on Monday!

Happy first ever, Developmental Disabilities Employment Awareness Month!

Thomas M. Thornburgh
DDEAM Committee secretary
Disability Network Partners

February 9, 2016

TO: ROSA M. DELA CRUZ, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of GABRIEL D. DELA CRUZ, Deceased:

You are in default in your Promissory Note dated August 1, 1988 (modified by revision agreements dated January 6, 1995, and July 27, 1999), secured by a Real Estate Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot no. 005 I 516, situated in Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, containing an area of 743 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document no. 14232, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Date and amount of Promissory Note and Mortgage: Promissory Note dated August 1, 1988, $48,500.00
Revision agreement dated January 6, 1995, $76,333.33;
Revision agreement dated July 27, 1999, $71,185.77;
Mortgage dated August 1, 1988, $48,500.00.

(c) Amount due for principal: $8,150.63 as of February 1, 2016
(d) Amount due for interest: $50,935.51 as of February 1, 2016
(e) Daily accruing interest: $11.81
(f) Late charges -0-

If the principal, interest, and late charges of $59,086.14 as of February 1, 2016, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of $500.00 are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Ti un komple i kontratahan debimu (Promissory Note) ni un fitma gi Agosto 1, 1998 (ni un ribisa gi Enero 6, 1995 yan Julio 27, 1999), ni afabobot i Real Estate Mortgage ma aseguro i tano yan guma ni um empeña gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i empeña (Mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empeneñ (mortgaged):

Sito numiro 005 I 516, ni gaigi gi Saipan, Northern Marianas, ni ha konsiste un aria 743 kuadrao metro, mas pat menus, ni anok gi Dibision Tano yan Dididan Tano ofisiat Cadastral Plat numiro 2084/2, i orihinat ni ma recodia gi Rehistrasion Tano komu Dukumento numiro 14232, guihi i diskripsion ni ma incorporate guini ginen i infotmasion.

(b) I kantida yan i fechan este na debi yan empepeña: Promissory Note gi Agosto 1, 1988, $48,500.00
Ma ribisa gi Enero 6, 1995, 76,333.33
Ma rebisa gi Julio 27, 1999, $71,185.77
Empeña (Mortgage) gi Agosto 1, 1988, $48,500.00

(c) Kantida un debi para principal: $8,150.63 asta ki Febreru 1, 2016
(d) Kantida un debi para interes: $50,935.51 asta ki Febreru 1, 2016
(e) Interes kada dia: $11.81
(f) Apas pot atrasao (late charges): -0-

Yangin ti un apasi i kantida na principat, interes, yan apas pot atrasao (late charges), $59,086.14 asta ki Febreru 1, 2016 yan interest, yan i resanable na apas abugado pot $500.00 gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di i fecha ni un resibe esta na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple i kontratamu (default), ya siempre umatutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma bendi i propriadat tano'mu ni un empepeña guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias dispues de un resibe este na kata yan un kontra minagahet-ña pot i apudera sino komo i pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asientadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este i trenta (30) dias siklo man infofotma hao pot i apudera sino komo i pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta infotmasion pot i dibi-mu dispues un ma kattayi i kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe i katta-mu gi halom trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai'i hao i na'an yan address i akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na katta para u ma na'kesiña ma rikohi i debi-mu. Maseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera – siña bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este i dibi-mu.

Su Seguro Servidor,

/s/ Michael A. White, ESQ.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ANZ GUAM, INC., formerly known as CITIZENS SECURITY BANKS (GUAM), INC., Plaintiff, vs. JESUS T. LIZAMA dba VICTORIA HOTEL, J&JEV ENTERPRISES, INC., and the BANK OF GUAM, Defendants.	] Civil Action No. 00-0296 D]]] (SECOND AMENDED)] NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL] SALE]]]]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Amended Judgment made and entered in the above titled action on 30th day of January, 2001, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff ANZ GUAM, INC., formerly known as CITIZENS SECURITY BANK (GUAM), INC. ("ANZ"), in the above titled action from Defendants JESUS T. LIZAMA DBA VICTORIA HOTEL AND J&JEV ENTERPRISES, INC., as prescribed in the Order Directing Foreclosure Sale of Mortgaged Property filed on February 13, 2013, pursuant to 7 CMC § 4537(e) the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **21st day of March, 2016** at 10 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

PARCELS 1 & 2:
a. LOT 001 D 13, (formerly known as Block 3, Lot 1), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 D 00, the original of which was registered 30 SEP 70 as Document No. 512 at Land Registry, Saipan.

b. LOT 001 D 14, (formerly known as Block 3, Lot 2), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 D 00, the original of which was registered 30 SEP 70 as Document No. 512 at Land Registry, Saipan.

And immediately thereafter, the sale of the following parcel of property:

PARCEL 3:
c. TRACT 21732-9, part of original Tract 21732-R1, AH 140), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2085/84, the original of which was recorded 08 AUG 84 as Document No. 84-1439 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. Withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. All the property listed in this notice shall be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction, without any warranty being given, express or implied, with respect to the title, possession, and encumbrances, to satisfy the amount due to Plaintiff ANZ GUAM, INC. on the date of the sale under the Amended Judgment as prescribed in the Order Directing Foreclosure Sale of Mortgaged Property. ANZ GUAM, INC. reserves the right to bid all or part of the amount due at the time of the sale.

3. Payment. A deposit of twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by the successful bidder. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 20% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Plaintiff, ANZ GUAM, INC., formerly known as CITIZENS SECURITY BANK (GUAM), INC.

4. Inspection. Interested bidders may inspect the property at the following times:
Parcels 1 & 2: February 26, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
Parcel 3: February 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

5. Change of Terms. ANZ GUAM, INC., reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

6. No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 11th day of February, 2016.

__/s/_____
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Name: Tosiba/Laurinda Beltau
Address: P.O. Box 504152

Telephone: 234-8677

Pro se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: Kalisto K. Humio, Minor Child By: Tosiba Beltau/ Laurinda Beltau, Petitioners	] **FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0047**] NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on March 31, 2016, at 10:30am in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH T. CAMACHO, Deceased.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0017** **AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS** **Date: March 29, 2016** **Time: 1:30 p.m.** **Judge: David A. Wiseman**

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSEPH T. CAMACHO OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Roselynn Camacho** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Joseph T. Camacho, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is **Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition by Roselynn Camacho, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **March 29, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.** at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **CHARITY R. HODSON, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this February, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

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Rota leadership to discuss vital issues in public meeting

ROTA—Pending land exchange and opportunities to help community members explore opening small family businesses are issues that would be under discussion on Rota on two separate dates in March, according to Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota).

The Rota Legislative Delegation would hold a public meeting with affected landowners on March 8 at the Rota Courthouse. It would involve the Departments of Public Land and Public Works.

"Landowners whose properties were taken for public purposes should be able to hear from the two agencies when would the long awaited land exchange would occur," Santos said. "It's important that this issue is resolved as public land becomes scarce in view of a good portion being turned over for wildlife conservation".

The other meeting involves the Commonwealth Development Authority on the March 16. "How great a coincidence that as I sought for their help on loans to our island community, it is actually set to upgrade its Rota office that would include a loan officer", Santos said.

"We thank CDA executive director Manny Sablan for his foresight in our desire to help our people move the needle of growth and opportunities forward for our island community," Santos said. "It's work in progress that should slowly but surely open up opportunities for small businesses and expansion that ought to stir the wellbeing of the community." She's also grateful for CDA's board of directors for their enthusiastic response.

The meeting should include examples how members of the community could use small loans to break out on their own in terms of small family businesses.

"The planned small business venture includes tourism, small tour boat operations, food catering, fishing, farming, and other ventures," she said, adding, "It is basically a venture in small business incubation for our small island community."

Santos further said, "We wish to take it a step further by asking the central government to postpone any and forms of taxes to grant new small business start-up to thrive during its formative period. We could address taxes some five years down the road once the small businesses are sure footed and could withstand fees and tax impositions".

"It's vital that the issue on tax postponement is understood given that our island community isn't necessarily situated in the business center where it could reap greater latitude for survival," said Santos. "Initial taxation would simply annihilate their existence from the get-go."

"Nearby Japan is the hub of small businesses that is basically its backbone," she noted. "I've been to cities where small family businesses excel on a daily basis and we should give it a shot in our small island community," she said. ***(PR)***

March 7 jury selection cancelled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "14MS" that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016, 8:30am in courtroom 220A is hereby cancelled until further notice. For further information, please contact Clerk of Court Patrick Diaz at Superior Court at 236-9766. ***(PR)***

BSI DONATIONS

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is a partner to the Rotary Club of Saipan's McFun Run. Yesterday, Rotarian committee member and McDonald's owner/operator Marcia E. Ayuyu received from BSI Corporate Social Responsibility director Geri Dela Cruz a donation of $800 which will support the club's projects such as building a playground in Kagman and other community activities.

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. donated $1,000 to the CNMI Bar Association. This is in support for the CNMI Mock Trial Team that will be competing in the 2016 National Mock Trial Competition in Idaho. In this photo, CNMI Bar Association committee member Bernadette Dela Cruz and executive director Suzanne Steffy receive the donation from BSI vice president of Legal Chuck McDonald, BSI vice president of Legal Kelley Butcher, and BSI CSR director Geri Dela Cruz.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a **Gaming Regulator Development Seminar** from March 7-11, 2016 and March 14-18, 2016 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The training will be attended by members and employees of the Commonwealth Casino Commission, Rota Casino Gaming Commission, and Tinian Gaming Casino Control Commission. The Seminar is provided by the International Center for Gaming Regulation, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Commission office operations at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan, will have interrupted service hours during the training period.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

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/S/ HELEN C. SABLAN
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

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ITB NO.: ITB16-DPS/BMV-066 (A-C)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MARCH 22, 2016 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) EXECUTIVE TABLES & DRAWERS, THIRTY-TWO (32) STACKABLE CHAIRS AND SIXTEEN (16) FOLDING TABLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE"

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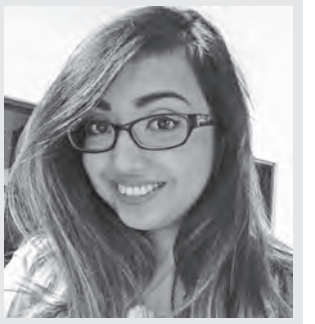
/S/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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Happy birthday to our loving daughter Joan Ashley T. Liwanag. More blessings and good health. From Mom, Dad, Joey, Dane, and Jake.

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Happy 75th birthday to the greatest man alive. The worlds best great grandpa, grandpa, and daddy Francisco "Paco" A. Camacho. We love you from here to the moon and back. Thank you for everything you have done for us. Cheers to many more blessed years together. Greetings come from Nikki Marie and Zion Jay-Ross Calistro.

WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE:

'Empowering women through advocacy, economic opportunity'

Just over a year since assuming command of the Women's Affairs Office, special Assistant Dolores Drew has been making do with limited funding for the implementation of programs for the empowerment of women.

One of the major programs geared toward this is the Outstanding Female Graduate (OFREGA) plaque to the most deserving female at public schools.

Drew expressed that in previous years, outstanding female graduates of private schools were not recognized, but that has changed during her term at this post. Today, outstanding female graduates at private schools are fully recognized for their academic and overall achievements.

She adds that Women's Affairs "recognizes the worth of all women and seeks to develop their potential to the fullest extent possible."

The award, she said, is to provide an incentive for and recognition of student efforts and achievement and designed to reward female graduates who achieve highly in a number of areas such as academics, athletics, citizenship with high levels of courage, self-discipline, respect, and integrity.

As a board member of the CNMI Women's Association, Drew noted that the need to bring women together in the Commonwealth is a priority.

During the 2015 Women's Summit, top priorities included empowering women as leaders, supporting women in the workforce, cultural preservation and practices and promoting healthier lifestyles.

Drew states that as a community, "we need [informed] policy and program development on issues that affect women to deliver specific projects to improve their economic and social participation."

She noted that among the WAO achievements was the collaborative efforts of the Women's Association for the 2nd Annual Women's Summit in 2015 which garnered 250 participants, the partnering with Let's Move Marianas, support to the Northern Marianas College—Adult Basic Education classes, the Motheread/Fatheread Program, DYS Parenting Education Program, Sexual Assault Awareness, Maternal and Child Health, the Women's Health Day Exhibit and Workforce Empowerment Training.

Drew says that in improving women's livelihoods, "… the situation is particularly in the areas of health, protection against violence, economic productivity, education, literacy and public participation. We need to bring our CNMI women together."

With the upcoming 4th Annual Women's Summit, Drew shares that a meet-and-greet gathering of women will soon take place for open discussion of women's issues, the program's future plans and to further encourage the empowerment of women.

The meet-and-greet hopes to bring women together to establish a support network and ongoing social participation, which has been lacking in the community.

The purpose of the gathering, she shares, is to reinforce, "better formulate, and implement a policy of affirmative action in the government and private sector to assist women in achieving social, political and economic parity."

In celebration of March as Women's Month, Drew encourages women to log onto www.cnmiwomen.org for the calendar of events.

Under the Commonwealth Constitution, Article III, Section 22: Special Assistant for Women's Affairs, the WAO "shall promote the interests of women, assist agencies of government and private organizations to plan and implement programs and services for women, monitor compliance of laws and regulations by government agencies and private organizations, organize community education strategies regarding the roles of women, and recommend to the governor and the legislature for consideration legislation of benefit to women."

The Women's Affairs Office strives to meet the needs of young women, disadvantaged women, victims of domestic abuse, women in need of additional emotional, social, and economic support as well as recognition, praise and continued support for women in leadership or women striving to live independent lives.

For more information on how you can get involved with the WAO or for inquiries on women's services, call 237-2237/38. ***(PR)***

Torres nominates Cabrera as DOC chief

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog nominated Georgia M. Cabrera as the commissioner for the Department of Corrections. This nomination requires the advice and consent of the Senate.

In his letter to Cabrera, Torres said, "I am fully confident that you are qualified and will consistently devote your time and efforts to fulfill the vital requirements of this office and will be an asset to the Commonwealth."

Joe Pangelinan had served as acting commissioner during the transition period when former DOC commissioner Robert A. Guerrero was called upon to head the Department of Public Safety.

"Lt. Governor Hocog and I are pleased to appoint Ms. Georgia Cabrera to serve the administration as the Commissioner for the Department of Corrections. Her long career and experience at the department will be an asset for this post. Lt. Governor Hocog and I appreciate her accepting this appointment," said Torres. ***(PR)***

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

■ MVA-RFP-16-2334 CHINA
■ MVA-RFP-16-2335 KOREA/TAIWAN & RUSSIA
■ MVA-RFP-16-2336 JAPAN

For: Representation, Promotion and Public Relations Services for the ■ China Market, and/or the ■ Korea/Taiwan & Russia Market and/or the ■ Japan Market. Proposers may choose to respond to one, two or all three proposal territories.

Opening Date: February 17, 2016 Time: 8:00 a.m.
Closing Date: April 15, 2016 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to:
The Marianas Visitors Authority
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950
USA

The Marianas Visitors Authority ("MVA") seeks to hire a contractor or contractors to provide marketing, internet, and public relations services to the MVA and assist the MVA with its mandate to promote tourism to the Northern Mariana Islands from the ■ Japanese market, the ■ Chinese market and the ■ Korea/Taiwan & Russia markets. These 3 contracts will each be for an initial two-year period, commencing on October 1, 2016, with an option to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year period and one (1) additional one (1) year period (up to 5 total years).

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the Marianas Visitors Authority office between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by emailing the **MVA** at jtorres@mymarianas.com or by fax to 1-670-664-3237.

Gratuities, kickbacks, and contingent fees are prohibited by the laws of the Northern Mariana Islands. NMIAC §§ 90-20-120, 90-20-125.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Chairperson
MVA Board of Directors

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director

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AMENDMENT #01
NMHC IFB 2016-005

This ad is paid for with HUD funds.

Renovation of the Sinapalo Baseball Field in Rota

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor Hocog, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from interested licensed companies to provide construction services for the renovation of the Sinapalo Baseball Field in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up a copy of the Project Package beginning **February 1, 2016** at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan or the Rota NMHC Field Office located in Songsong Village, Rota, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI and austerity holidays. A non-refundable payment of **Twenty Five Dollars *($25.00) is required for each set.*** Payment shall be by cash, credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM130001 for the Mariana Islands.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at **2:00 p.m. on February 19, 2016,** at the Rota Mayor's Office Conference in Rota, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project site, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2016-005.** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill (Former EMO Office), Saipan, no later than **11:00 a.m., local time, March 11, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **11:00 a.m., local time, March 11, 2016** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service no later than March 11, 2016, AND the ITB documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than **March 18, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **11:00 a.m. local time, March 21, 2016.** However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at **11:30 a.m., local time, March 11, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check. Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable le to the Attorney General.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety.

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

All documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of the Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check, which will be returned to the proposers after the acceptance and award of contract to the successful contractor.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

For information, contact Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

/s/ Edward C. Sablan
NMHC Board Chairman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

GMS shines anew in recent competitions

Green Meadow School Kinder 5 to 3rd Grade students competed in the recent Math Court Competition held in Koblerville Elementary School last Feb. 6 with outstanding results.

Kinder 5:

1st Place: Isabella Mallari and Marvie Angelique Llaga

2nd Place: Neliza Nicole Acaba

3rd Place: Mark Justin Lagado

First grade:

1st Place: Yel Khalil Ocampo

2nd Place: Justin Mallari

3rd Palce: Vimarie Alna Alfeche and Paula Angela Bernardo

Third Grade:

2nd Place: Arro Solana Hunter, Jasmyne Tolentino and Chealzka Navarro

Fourth to Sixth Grades Division: Aljanah Manabat, 6th and Nicole Sacramento, 4th grade are qualifiers for the Regional Competitions.

During the NJSDA competition in Dandan Middle School last Jan. 23, our 6th graders though only three joined were able to win. Rownel Jody Coloma won 2nd place both in Storytelling and Humorous Interpretation. Eonzen Dela Paz and Earl Lawrence Salamat placed 4th in Duo Interpretation.

Southern High School National Honor Society hosted the Middle School Academic Challenge Bowl last Jan. 30. GMS' 6th grade students competed and gave the other competitors a good fight. Aljanah Manabat, Rayven Daca, Ashley Palacios, Rownel Jody Coloma, and Angeline Norcio represented the school and proved that they may be the youngest yet a group to look forward to. ***(PR)***

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Green Meadow School administrator and teachers proudly pose with their kindergarten and grade school students who participated and performed well in the recent Math Court and NJSDA competitions.

GMS' Coloma advances to NJSDA nationals

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Rownel Jody Coloma, middle back, advanced to the national level of the NJSDA in Salt Lake City, Utah, while Ashley Palacios, first row left, who won silver in Chamorro Poetry.

Green Meadow School's Rownel Jody Coloma will represent the CNMI in the national level of the National Junior Speech and Debate Association for 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah after winning the humorous interpretation category. He actually finished runner-up but the first place winner opted to compete in original oratory.

Ashley Palacios also won silver in Chamorro Poetry, while five other GMS students advanced to the semifinals in the NJSDA Regionals held from Feb. 24 to 27 Hopwood Middle School and Mount Carmel School.

The five students who made the semis were Aljanah Manabat, Angeline Norcio, Rayven Daca, Lawrence Salamat, and Eonzen Dela Paz. ***(PR)***

KagHS JROTC wins 4 trophies at Drill Meet

The CNMI Drill Competition was held at Marianas High School's main campus last Feb. 26. All five CNMI JROTC high school battalions participated in this event.

There were over 150 cadets and 32 drill teams that battled it out to see who is the best of the best. The excitement and thrill was evident as the drill teams battled each other on the drill pads.

The eight categories of drill that were up for grabs are armed/unarmed color guard, armed/unarmed regulation, armed/ unarmed exhibition, and armed/unarmed inspection. Kagman High School JROTC did not take first place, but they managed to obtain four third place trophies at this event. The hard work and discipline of all five JROTC Battalions to get ready for such an event. ***(PR)***

SPELLING WHIZ CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Green Meadow School's Christian Ted Pamintuan, right, will compete in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in Guam. Pamintuan is seen here posing with alternate Chealzka Navarro.

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The Kagman High School Rifle Exhibition Drill Team performs.

The KHS inspection drill team is ready.

The KHS Battalion received four third place trophies.

Guam for Bernie Sanders congratulates Sanders, Clinton on campaign wins

HAGÅTÑA, GUAM— Guam for Bernie Sanders has congratulated Senator Bernie Sanders and Secretary Hillary Clinton on their successful campaigns in primary states and American Samoa that voted on March 1.

"We are very proud that Senator Bernie Sanders has won a number of crucial primary states," said Guam for Bernie Sanders organizer Julian Janssen. "His resounding victories in his home state of Vermont, Oklahoma, Minnesota, and the important swing state of Colorado underscores Bernie's strong support among young adults, progressives, and independents, and his viability as a candidate for President."

In the general election, the winning candidate for president has won Colorado 80 percent of the time since 1976.

In each of the national polls since the beginning of February that place Sanders and Clinton against Donald Trump, Sanders has outperformed Clinton, by on average, 5 percentage points.

"Many supporters of Bernie Sanders believe that he is more likely to fight for the interests of working families, including providing Medicare to all Americans, free tuition at public colleges, working for a fairer distribution of taxation, and getting money out of national politics," said Janssen.

Clinton had a narrow success in Massachusetts. In addition, Clinton claimed a number of wins in several southern states, which are perennial strongholds for the Republican Party, and American Samoa.

"Secretary Clinton has strong support among Democrats in southern states, many of which would likely not vote for the eventual Democratic nominee," Janssen said. ***(PR)***

Century Tours is Gold Sponsor of Hyatt Charity Golf Classic

Century Tours of Saipan presented Hyatt Regency Saipan with a generous cash donation for the upcoming 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic to be held on April 23, 2016.

Their donation places them as a Gold Sponsor this year.

President of Tour Operations at Century Tours, Seiji Sato said, "We are honored to be a supporter of the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament. Century Tours has been a long time resident of Saipan and we are always happy for the opportunity to support our island community. Educating our youth is number one priority, and we are happy to hear the proceeds will support Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute. We encourage our island of golfers to register early and aim high for the winnings. Thank you."

Hyatt general manager Nick K. Nishikawa thanked Century Tours for agreeing to be a Gold Sponsor for the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic.

"Hyatt Regency Saipan is grateful for our long-time business partner, Century Tours. We have worked together for many, many years. To have their support for this 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic event, we are extremely grateful. We look forward to many more years of partnership," he said. ***(PR)***

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From left, Century Tours Customer Service agent, Coordination Center Riezel "Rez" David, Century Tours human resources officer Camille "Camz" Orallo, Century Tours Customer Service agent Xiaolan "Lan" Zhao, Century Tours customer service agent Guoyan "Helen" Sui, Century Tours Finance& Accounting director Eugenia "Henie" Esmero, Century Tours Customer service agent, Coordination Center Weixia "Jessie" Liu, Hyatt Regency Saipan executive director of Rooms Rosalyn Quintanilla; operations manager Yumei "Rain" Bao, Hyatt Regency executive director of Sales and Marketing Danny Son, Century Tours president Seiji Sato; Customer Service agent, Reservations Yanping "Nancy" Huang, accounting manager Ofdelia "Deng" Angeles, accounting clerk Candylen "Candy" Camu, accountant Eden Cornel, accounting clerk Shirely Orbeta, and Hyatt Regency executive director of Food and Beverage Tyrell Pauling pose for a group photo.

KZMI gives in-kind sponsorship to Charity Golf Classic

KZMI-FM Radio general manager Bob Webb has presented Hyatt Regency Saipan with a generous in-kind sponsorship of radio coverage for the days leading to the 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic tournament on April 23, 2016.

Players are encouraged to register as an early bird by April 18, 2016 with a discounted fee of $100. Listen to Webb on 103.9 KZMI-FM for more information about the tournament; he will keep golfers up-to-date with golf tips and breaking news so stay tuned!

"KZMI-FM Radio is a supporter of our local community. We are proud to partner with Hyatt Regency Saipan in their golf tournament to generate funds to further support Make-A-Wish Foundation in the granting of wishes to children and Northern Marianas Trades Institute in the support of further educating of our local community. We look forward to announcing the event successes especially with this year marking its 20th annual event," said Webb.

Hyatt general manager Nick K. Nishikawa shares his gratitude with KZMI-FM Radio for their continued business partnership and event partnership.

"Hyatt Regency Saipan has worked with KZMI-FM Radio for a long time; we thank you for your continued support," he said. ***(PR)***

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From left, Rosalyn Quintanilla, Hyatt Regency Saipan executive director of rooms; Zenn Tomokane, Hyatt executive sous chef; Jaime Hemley, KZMI Radio administrative executive; Bob Webb, KZMNI Radio general manager; and Robin Eugenio, Hyatt Regency Saipan security manager, pose for a group photo.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-005

WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT, SAILING DRIVE, DANDAN (W12-022D)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Water Main Extension Project in Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work consists of the installation of approximately 940 LF of new 8-inch PVC water line, along with approximately 500 LF of new 2" PVC water line. It will also involve the reconnection of new and existing customers onto the new waterlines within the project area.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **75 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **March 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-005, Water Main Extension Project, Sailing Drive, Dandan** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 18, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 3, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, CUC Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer – via email john.riegel@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Procurement, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Compressor with Built-In Refilling Station for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport
Project No. CPA-SA-005-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure, deliver, install and commission a brand new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) compressor with built-in refilling stations for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, delivery and installation of stations to each respective airport.

The compressor and refilling equipment shall include the quantities and details and product specifications as provided within the scope of work. The scope and product data are available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office.

The proposals shall include the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Team Members;
3. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
4. Available resources to accomplish the project;
5. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
6. Valid Business License.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the acceptance date without approved excuse by CPA.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., MONDAY, MARCH 21 , 2016.**

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

The procurement is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

All This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Total cost for equipment procurement, delivery and programming	35%
2.	Experience of the firm on similar or related systems	35%
3.	Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
4.	Timeframe for delivery, programming and commissioning	10%

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to Assistant ARFF Chief William Camacho at bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: February 22, 2016

Mt. Carmel School holds 2016 STEM Fair

"Can cereal lovers get the recommended amount of iron?" "Are your tires tired?" "What's growing on?" These were just some of the questions posed by young scientists at Mount Carmel School's 2016 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fair.

Held in the high school hallway from Feb. 22 to 26, the fair featured over 100 entries from students in grades 1 through 12. Entries were divided by grade level into four levels. Level 1 included 1st through 3rd grade students; Level 2 included 4th through 6th grade students; Level 3 included 7th and 8th grade students; and Level 4 included high school students. Entries were also classified into seven categories: Life Science, Health Science, Earth Science, Physical Science, Social/Behavioral Science, Mathematics and Statistics, and Technology. Professionals from the public and private sector served as judges for each level in the science fair.

Claus Bier from the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service has judged the school's science fair for many years. According to him, this year's science fair stands out. As he put it, "This year, I was absolutely impressed with the quality of students' research. I had the pleasure to meet a good number of very knowledgeable future micro biologists, mathematicians, physicists, engineers in all fields, psychologists, sociologists—to name just a few." He added, "Thank you again, and 'great job!' to everyone."

The following students placed in the MCS Science Fair:

Level 1: (1st-3rd Grades)

1st Place: Hitomi Sasamoto "H2O Science"

2nd Place: Emmanuel Pontiveros "Lung Capacity"

3rd Place: Jalen Nicholas "Temperature & Rebound of a Golf Ball"

Level 2: (4th & 5th Grades)

1st Place: Kyla Monique Cabrera "Can cereal lovers get the recommended amount of iron?"

2nd Place: Elisha Joy Lacap "How greasy are your chips?"

3rd Place: Brent Ortizo "Rock and Roll"

Level 3: (6th-8th Grades)

1st Place: Sydney Richter "Triangles vs. Squares"

2nd Place: Penelope Sablan "Stain Removal"

3rd Place: Jedric Villar "An Earth Friendly Way to Get Styrofoam Away"

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Winners of Mount Carmel School's 2016 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fair pose for a group photo.

Level 4: (9th-12th Grades)

1st Place: Matt Jason Moran "Energy and Gas"

2nd Place: Zeno Deleon Guerrero & Jaqueline Doctor "Are your tires tired?"

3rd Place: Erica Cunanan & Ydelle Acosta "What's growing on?"

These students will now move on to compete in the CNMI-wide STEM Fair.

In addition to recognizing the winners of the STEM Fair, the school also acknowledged the contributions of the judges: Bruce Bateman from the Marianas Visitors Authority; 2002 AlumKnight, engineer James Benavente; Mitch Aaron, 2005 AlumKnight, Crystal Cabrera, and Frank Villagomez, from the Department of Public Works; David Benavente from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife; Claus Bier, Britta Baechler, and Rose Castro from NMC CREES; Jerry Pangelinan from NMC's Office of Admissions and Records; 2007 AlumKnight, Mary Tenorio, from Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.; and 2010 AlumKnight, Cameron Nicholas, from the CNMI House of Representatives.

Many leaders in government, industry, and education have underscored the importance of STEM education. According to a recent report from the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee, "The need for workers with STEM skills is heightened in today's global economy. Technological innovation improves the competitive position of U.S. industries, drives export growth, and supports high-quality jobs. Additionally, demand for STEM-capable workers has increased even in traditionally non-STEM fields due to the diffusion of technology across industries and occupations. Technological progress can improve workers' quality of life by improving working conditions and increasing wages." The report added, "However, for workers to benefit from the economic gains generated by innovation, they must have the knowledge and skills needed to work effectively in jobs requiring STEM competencies. Improving access to quality STEM education will strengthen the caliber of the U.S. workforce, drive economic growth, and keep the U.S. competitive." ***(PR)***

Bordallo announces HHS awards Guam DPHSS grant

Bordallo

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo today announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) $1,911,541 in federal grant assistance.

The grant was awarded to the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services to fund the Pacific Basin Community Health Center project from April 2016 to March 2017. The funding will support the DPHSS Northern and Southern Region Community Health Centers by funding operations costs and contract obligations with medical providers.

"With the support from the community, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the local government and Congresswoman Bordallo, we are able to provide services to the medically underserved who are in most need and least able to find," said Project Director and DPHSS Health Services Administrator, Linda Unpingco DeNorcey.

"Guam's Northern and Southern Community Health Centers provide critical health services and increased access to quality care on island," said Congresswoman Bordallo. "This grant will help our community health centers to continue their mission of providing comprehensive primary care to underserved, indigent, and uninsured populations. I commend the staff and management of our community health centers for nearly three decades of serving and empowering patients. I will continue to advocate for funding such as this during the federal appropriations process and I look forward to our health centers' continued work for our people." ***(PR)***

MCS congratulates NJSDA, NSDA winners

Mount Carmel School congratulates her Knights who recently competed in the CNMI regional competition for the National Junior Speech & Debate Association (NJSDA) held from Feb. 24 to 28 at the school as well as her Knights who competed in a recent qualifying event for the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA)

NJSDA

■ Kalea Borja, 1st Place Imp

■ Lleyton Javier (Chyrel Javier), 3rd Place Imp

■ Jim Michael Ham, 4th Place Extemp

■ Vince Philip Salvador, 5th Place DI

Kalea Borja will be competing in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 14-17, 2016.

NSDA

■ Camacho, Gary M.
1st Place – IMP A
2nd Place – DUO (with Irang, Maverick)
3rd Place – OO A

■ Cunanan, Erika
4th Place – DI B

■ Irang, Maverick Deniel M.
2nd Place – DUO (with Camacho, Gary)
4th Place – PR MA

■ Manglona, Thomas Lee II A.
1st Place – LD
1st Place – USX
1st Place – IMP A

■ Melchor, Jeff Matthew
1st Place – DI A
3rd Place – DUO (with Moran, Matt)
5th Place - LD

■ Moran, Matt Jason B.
3rd Place – DUO (with Melchor , Jeff)
3rd Place – IMP A
4th Place – PO MB
5th Place – PR MA

■ Paraiso, Joanie
3rd Place – DI A

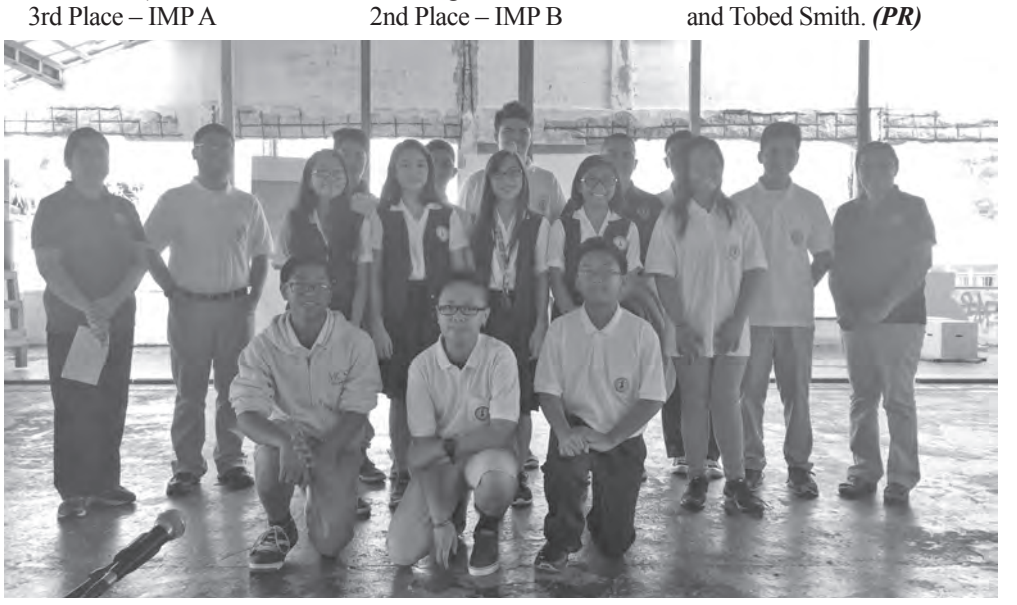
■ Ramirez, Reica Jucel
4th Place – OO A
2nd Place – IMP A
3rd Place – PR MA
4th Place – ST A

■ Santos, Joshua
3rd Place – COM
4th Place – USX
5th Place – IMP B

■ Snodgrass, Nathaniel
2nd Place – IMP B
2nd Place – USX
2nd Place – COM

■ Usi, Monica Aira
2nd Place – FX

Much thanks also to volunteer judges, John Hernandez, Jayrald Mercene, Thomas Manglona, Luz Baldazo, Cathryn Javier, Elenita Duarte, Angelica Diaz, Nathaniel Snodgrass, Joshua Santos, Jonathan Clark, Carlos Diaz, and MCS NSDA/NJSDA Coordinators, Filmah Buenaflor, and Tobed Smith. ***(PR)***



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Winning members of Mount Carmel School's National Junior Speech & Debate Association and National Speech & Debate Association teams pose for a group photo.

NMI educators remember Close Up Foundation founder

By JON PEREZ
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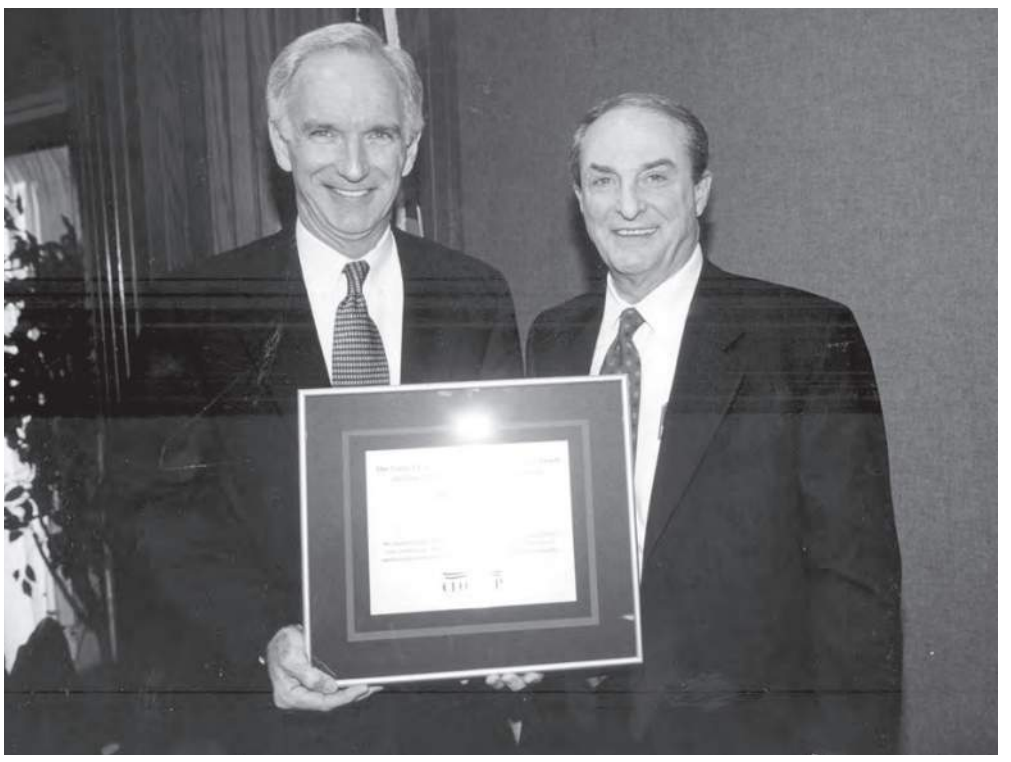
REPORTER

The community of CNMI educators still remember how Close Up Foundation founder Stephen Allen Janger helped bring more than 300 students and teachers from the CNMI to Washington, D.C. as part of its interactive programs.

Close Up Foundation, founded in 1971 by Janger along with his wife Kathleen and brother Stanford, has helped over 650,000 middle and high school students and other educators to experience up close how the U.S. government works. Educational trips include meeting key government officials and seeing famous landmarks at the nation's capital.

Janger died last Oct. 11, 2015, in McLean, Virginia after a long illness and was laid to rest in his hometown in Oklahoma City. He was 79. He served as the Close Up Foundation's president and chief executive officer from 1971 until his retirement in 2005. A memorial celebration is set on March 9 in Washington, D.C.



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Close Up Foundation founder Stephen A. Janger, right, presents an award to Belen Jesuit Preparatory School's Social Studies Department chairman Patrick Collins in this file photo taken in 2001 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Former Marianas High School vice principal for instruction Frances Sablan said the program started to include Micronesia—including the CNMI and Guam—and the Pacific regions in the 1980s. She became one of the first educators from the CNMI to be part of the program when it started in 1985.

"I was very fortunate to have met him when I traveled to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, Virginia, and New York City as the first classroom teacher/educator from the CNMI to participate and experience the Close Up Program with Corrine U. Hofschneider, the first high school student from MHS," said Sablan, who served as MHS' acting principal until her retirement in December 1996,

"It was Mr. Janger's efforts that the CNMI, Micronesia, and Pacific region received funds to send students and educators to participate every year since 1985," she added. "With the support of our local leaders, active parents who raised funds, and the Public School System, the CNMI was able to send more educators and students."

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said Janger "was a great friend to the PSS."

"We have seen over the years how Steve and Close Up have impacted the lives of many of our children that have traveled to Washington, D.C. and Honolulu to participate in Close Up Foundation programs. These travels and program participation were made possible through Steve's effort to identify funds for the Pacific students and teachers," said Rita Sablan.

"Many of these students are now adults that are giving back to our community. Some of them are working in our school district, some are at the Commonwealth Legislature, some have started their own business and some are working for other public and nonpublic sectors."

Bordallo encouraged by new sanctions vs N. Korea

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo yesterday issued the following statement in response to the UN Security Council's unanimous approval of a resolution that imposes new sanctions against North Korea.

Bordallo

"I am encouraged by the unanimous decision by the UN Security Council to impose new sanctions on the North Korean regime, in response to continued aggressive actions that threaten our allies and broader regional security. This sends a strong and unified message that the international community will not tolerate North Korea's insistence on developing nuclear capable long range missiles. I am further encouraged that Russia and China supported these sanctions, and hope that they continue to work as responsible partners in holding North Korea accountable for its actions.

"The sanctions package is the most stringent ever imposed against North Korea and will target key leadership and financial institutions that enable development of its nuclear program. In cooperation with the international community, we must hold North Korea accountable for their actions and continue to impose strict costs on the regime to assure our allies and protect our interests and territory, including Guam, in the region." ***(PR)***

Another ruptured water main causes temporary water service interruption

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in Chalan Laulau, Beach Road, and Gualo Rai are experiencing a temporary water service interruption resulting from a ruptured l6-inch water main on Chalan Pale Amold Road (Gualo Rai). The cause of the rupture is undetermined and is undergoing an investigation.

The Call Center received a trouble call at 9pm last night, reporting that there was a water leak on the northbound lane of Chalan Pale Arnold Road fronting Transamerica Hardware in Gualo Rai. The respective agencies were informed and repairs were initiated at 8am yesterday.

Currently, the outer northbound lane is closed for CUC repair crews. Motorists are urged to be cautious in the area and also advised to take an alternative route if possible.

Repairs are anticipated to be completed later today and customers in the affected area should expect restoration of services today, March 4,2016.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesComoration4. ***(PR)***

Navy to conduct training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam —The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 March 7-13 from midnight to 11:59pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators. are advised to stay clear of the area during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. ***(PR)***

Grotto Cave red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has given the Grotto Cave a red flag and advised the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of the location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The division said samples taken from the location was found to contain excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (entrococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from 12 Saipan east and south recreational beaches this week.

Marine Water Quality Reports are also provided at www.deq.gov.mp/sec.asp?secD=52. Interested individuals and organizations can also receive email notifications for the weekly marine water quality reports. To do so, please send an email to waterqualityreport@deq.gov.mp

DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any questions concerning this matter. ***(PR)***

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for a limited term position of:

DATA SYSTEMS ANALYST
Office of the Clerk of Court
Superior Court
SAIPAN

DUTIES: This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Performs the full range of data entry and database contents review for pre- and post-judgment services in civil, criminal, traffic, small claims, and family court dockets;
- Compiles data from various sources including court databases, periodic reports, surveys, and performance tool reviews from the Judges' chambers, Family Court Division, Administrative Support Units, the Marshal Service Division, and the Offices of the Clerks of Court and Adult Probation Supervision;
- Reviews data compilation reports and trends and assists with the determination of analysis and interpretation outcomes;
- Performs credibility reviews to assess data quality, verification and update, including review of standard data audit components like computer entry processes, user practices, reporting templates, screen formats, and initial source verification documents;
- Identifies, interprets, and reports patterns and trends from data collection and/or audits;
- Responds to general inquiries regarding data verification and reporting for the Superior Court and assist with data integration processes with affected divisions or authorized agencies;
- Coordinates and assists the Clerk of Court with special projects requiring court statistics or reports;
- Adheres to and complies with all promulgated policies, standards, and codes of ethical conduct; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: The Data Systems Analyst should have an associate's degree from an accredited U.S. university or college or 2 years of equivalent experience. The incumbent must also have at least four (4) years experience in the legal or administrative field. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be $30,000 - $35,000 annually; however will be paid only for a term actually worked through September 30, 2016.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at OPM offices in the CNMI, the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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Saipan, MP 96950
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This job announcement will remain open until April 1, 2016. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at http://www.justice.gov.mp.

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Life & Style

Juliana turns 7

Juliana Subang had a princess-themed 7th birthday celebration last Feb. 13 at the Aqua Resort Club.

Dozens of family and friends took part in the event, which came replete with Seven Balloons, Seven Candles, Seven Wishes, and Seven Roses programs as well as a photo booth.

At the end of the party, Juliana's parents—Joel Sr. and Mabelle—and siblings—Joel Sr. and M.J. Subang—thanked all of those who attended Juliana's birthday celebration. ***(PR)***

Juliana accepts one of the balloons in the Seven Balloon program. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Juliana and her escort pose with relatives on Saipan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Juliana and her escort pose with Seven Wishes participants.

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Joel Subang Sr. dances with her youngest daughter, Juliana, who turned 7 years old last Feb. 4. A princess-themed birthday party was held in her honor at Aqua Resort Club last Feb. 13.

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Juliana and her escort pose with members of Emon Lodge No. 179 of the Free and Accepted Masons of Saipan, where her father Joel is a member.

Grade-school talk about sex needs guidance from parents

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is in fifth grade at a very small, rural school. She's outgoing and makes friends easily. My problem is, when she comes home from school, she tells my husband and me about the conversations the other fifth-grade girls are having. Most of them involve boys. However, recently the conversations are about sex and things these girls say they want boys to do to them, which include rape.

My husband and I are appalled. My daughter knows that it's not appropriate to discuss these topics, but she is forced by these girls to listen. What should we do? Should we discuss this with the other parents involved? Please help.

CONCERNED PARENT IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR CONCERNED: While discussing sexual matters may not seem appropriate to you, that's what some children in grammar school do. The problem, however, is that a lot of misinformation can be transmitted among them. Be glad your daughter trusts you enough that she's willing to tell you what is being said.

If this were my daughter and I had not yet had "the talk" with her, I would waste no time in initiating it. Her classmates may say some of the things they do for shock value and have no concept about the violence and physical and emotional damage that a rapist can inflict.

Not only should you bring this to the attention of the parents of these classmates, also talk to the school principal. (Could these girls have been exposed to rape, pornographic movies, etc.?) The best way to combat screwed-up thinking like this is through frank, open discussion and education.

DEAR ABBY: I have 18-year-old twin sons who are seniors in high school and more mature than most at their age. My husband and I raised them with responsibility and manners, and people comment on how well they behave.

My problem is neither one seems interested in socializing. They don't date and never have friends over. They tell me people their age are "morons."

The boys are very close. They still share a room, and want to attend college together and major in the same field. I'm worried that they are TOO close and need to separate from each other and get out more. I worry that they aren't experiencing the life of typical teenagers. Should I be worried about this or wait and see what college brings them?

MOTHER OF TWINS

DEAR MOTHER: Your boys may be responsible and mannerly, but they appear to be socially immature. The time to have separated them and encouraged them to develop their individual personalities was when they entered their teens.

While it is normal for twins to share a special closeness, the fact that they don't socialize, don't date and consider their contemporaries all to be morons IS something to be worried about. If you are going to contribute to their college educations, it might be helpful to insist they go to different schools. But before you do, consult a licensed counselor for guidance because it may be traumatic for them.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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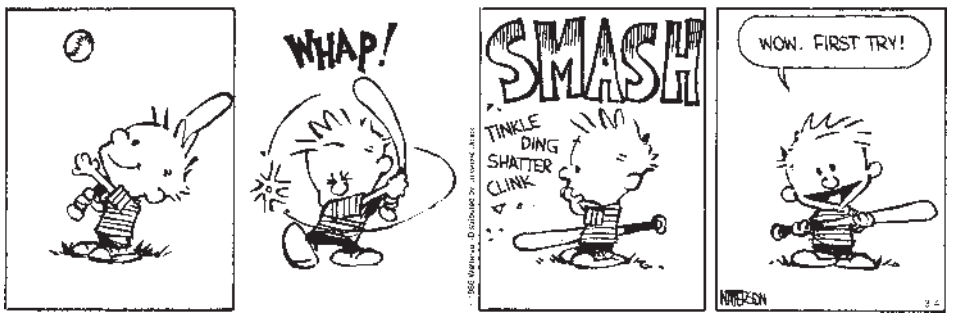
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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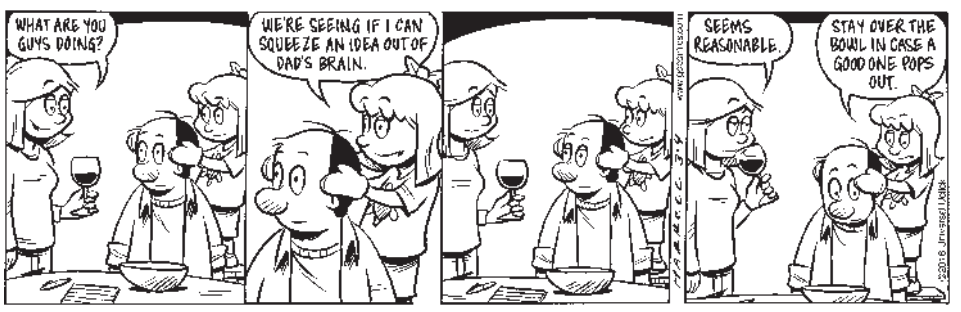
By Bryan Basset


WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
WE'RE SEEING IF I CAN SQUEEZE AN IDEA OUT OF DAD'S BRAIN.
SEEMS REASONABLE.
STAY OVER THE BOWL IN CASE A GOOD ONE POPS OUT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

IMAGINE A POUNDING HEADACHE... DOUBLED-OVER IN PAIN...
...FEELING LIKE YOU WANT TO HURL.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KISS GOODNIGHT, JUST SAY SO!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Use a ray gun
4 Social appointment
8 Finn's floater
12 401(k) alternative
13 Mideast airline
14 Needle case
15 Diary of bank deposits and withdrawals
17 Parliamentarian
18 Locale
19 A bit lit
20 "Lady Love" singer Lou
22 Pedestal
24 Gershwin's "— Rhythm"
25 They can hold their heads high
29 Bruins legend
30 "Star Wars" baddie Darth —
31 Squealer
32 Baby frogs
34 Alpha follower
35 Reddish horse
36 Invitee
37 "Va-moose!"
40 Flaccid
41 Couturier Cassini
42 Highway crossing
46 Suitor
47 Kite flier's need
48 "No seats"
49 Only
50 Reply to "Shall we?"
51 Half a dozen

DOWN
1 Energy
2 Coach Parseghian
3 Log-on need
4 Unpaid bills
5 Lotion additive
6 Eastern "way"
7 Antlered grazer
8 Aspirin's promise
9 Perched on
10 PETA concerns
11 Neat
16 River deposit
19 Despot
20 Laugh-a-minute
21 Taj Mahal site
22 Obama's veep
23 War god
25 Big bash
26 Complimentary ticket
27 Vittles
28 Doc's "Now!"
30 "Va-va-—!"
33 Czech capital
34 Oust
36 Encircles
37 Weeps
38 Nile queen, familiarly
39 Authentic
40 Fast time?
42 He gives a hoot
43 Compete
44 — Lanka
45 Boston team, for short

Solution time: 26 mins.

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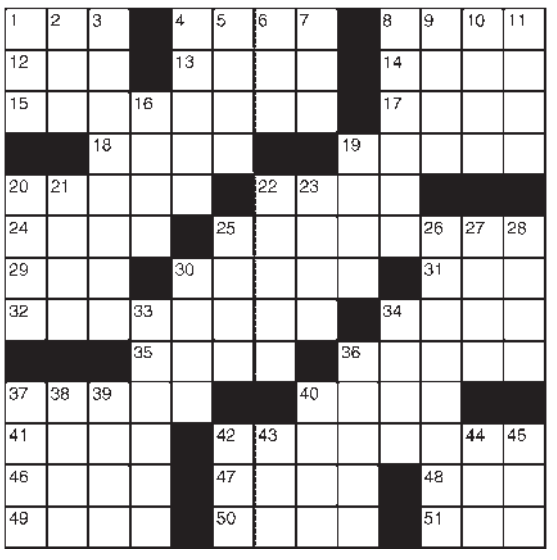

STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955**! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chaz Bono, 47; Patricia Heaton, 58; Mykelti Williamson, 59; Catherine O'Hara, 62.

Happy Birthday: You can turn this into a productive and successful year. You've got the discipline, fortitude and energy to pursue the things you feel passionate about. This will be a year to excel in both your personal or professional objectives. Don't waste time when you should be making every minute count. Live in the moment and you will bring about a positive future. Your numbers are 7, 18, 20, 27, 34, 40, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Offer incentives if you want someone to do something for you. Perfection is a nice idea, but simply enjoying what you do will make your life better. Pick up whatever documentation or skills you need to follow your dream. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Share ideas with friends and you will gather a vast amount of information that will help you make a decision about an organization you might want to join. Don't jeopardize your health or a meaningful relationship by being stubborn or unrealistic. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Expect someone to try to entice you into doing something questionable. Be on guard and strive to protect your reputation. You don't have to get angry, just know when to say "no." Making the right choices will help stabilize your future. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take advantage of any opportunity you get to work from home or to entertain your peers. Try to gain perspective on how you can get ahead, and establish partnerships with the people with whom you are compatible. Progressive action will bring positive results. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Be wary of anyone who exhibits unpredictable traits. Only make the changes you feel comfortable with and don't rely on anyone else to cover for you or take care of your responsibilities. Do your own thing. Romance looks inviting. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Listen to complaints and offer solutions. Expressing your feelings will help people relate to you and understand the endeavors you want to pursue. Get involved in an activity or group that is geared toward self-improvement. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Assess your current position and the people you are dealing with daily, and consider how satisfied you are with the way things are going. Only you can determine whether you want a change in your life and how to make it happen. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Reconnecting with someone from your past will get you back on track. Don't hesitate to make changes to the way you live. Not everyone will be pleased with your decisions, but you have to do what's best for you. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): A problem with a friend or relative will develop. Express your thoughts in simple terms and ask questions if you feel uncertain about what someone is telling you. Clear the air so you can make a decision and take action. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Attend a reunion or make arrangements to get together with an old friend. Share a dream with someone who has the potential to help you grow it into something quite unique or prosperous. Explore your options. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Your ability to be fair will encourage the people you deal with to express their ideas openly. Use advice from others to help you decide what you want to do next. A change in direction or a chance to try something new looks inviting. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Ask questions if you are in doubt. A partnership will be enhanced by the activities and events you share and the challenges you overcome together. Don't let uncertainty or insecurity cloud your vision or cause you to back away from someone special. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are masterful, unique and persuasive. You are driven and observant.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

7		8				4		2
				8	3			
	4						3	
	6		8	5	7			
	7						5	
			2	6	9		7	
	9						2	
			5	1				
4		6				7		3

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/04

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	8	6	2	3	1	7	5	9
9	3	5	6	7	8	4	1	2
7	1	2	5	4	9	3	6	8
6	7	1	3	8	5	9	2	4
5	2	3	4	9	6	1	8	7
8	4	9	7	1	2	5	3	6
2	9	4	1	6	3	8	7	5
3	6	8	9	5	7	2	4	1
1	5	7	8	2	4	6	9	3

Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

CURB APPEAL LANDSCAPING Solution: 10 letters

X	T	N	I	A	P	A	P	P	E	A	L	A	T	R
O	N	E	M	O	H	P	L	A	N	T	S	R	O	O
B	O	S	E	C	N	O	C	S	N	T	E	B	S	I
L	R	N	R	M	A	K	E	O	V	E	R	T	W	R
I	F	O	U	N	T	A	I	N	S	A	L	R	I	E
A	P	L	I	M	P	R	E	S	S	I	O	N	N	T
M	C	K	S	F	B	U	N	G	A	L	O	W	G	X
H	S	C	P	H	E	E	T	A	S	T	O	N	E	E
G	G	O	E	W	U	N	R	R	H	H	I	O	Ⓓ	E
N	N	R	T	N	E	T	C	S	I	T	R	Ⓓ	C	L
I	I	R	S	M	T	N	T	E	A	M	Ⓐ	U	C	Y
N	L	E	E	T	T	S	E	E	I	F	R	E	B	T
U	I	V	H	T	A	P	S	R	R	B	E	O	R	S
R	A	I	D	E	S	I	G	N	S	S	V	R	O	W
P	R	R	C	L	E	A	N	E	D	R	A	G	E	D

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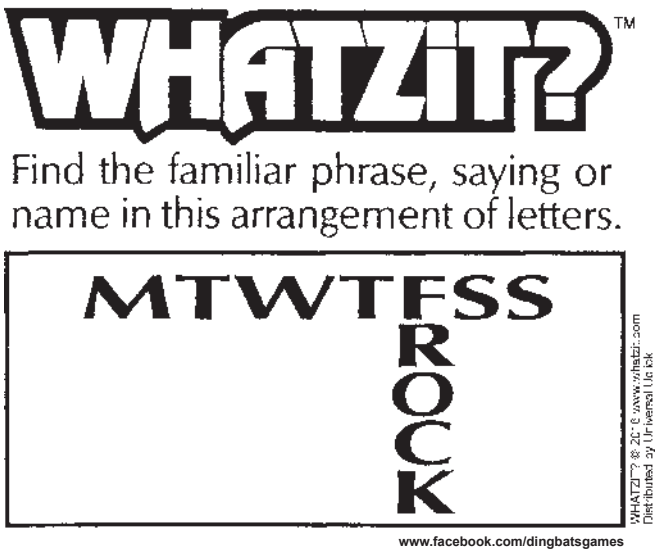

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Minimum of three years work experience as a Tour Guide. Swimming skill with tour guidance knowledge for the customers in English, Chinese, and Japanese.

Please mail resume no later than March 19, 2016 to PMB 525, Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950 or email it to gaiasaipan@gmail.com
For more information, please call: 484-0305
GAIA, LLC.

EMPLOYMENT

(2) Bookkeeper, (8) Houseworker, (2) Computer Support Specialist. Minimum Salary. Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053, Saipan, MP 96950.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

(10) Lifeguard

Submit applications, police clearance, and copy of certification at G4S Office located at Beach Road Ladera Building, Chalan Lau-lau. For more information call (670) 233-3238/39 or email at cnmi@gu.g4s.com
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(1) Medical Coder & Biller
Must be a Certified Professional Coder (CPC), or a Certified Professional Coder Apprentice (CPC-A) with at least one (1) year of relevant work experience as a Medical Coder and Biller. Must have the ability to understand and assess medical diagnosis and procedure codes. Must be able to compile data, compute fees and charges and prepare claims and invoices for billing purposes. Must have the ability to work provide education to physicians and other business personnel regarding medical coding.

Position closes at 5:00pm on Friday, March 11, 2016.
Applications are available at the Marianas Medical Center.
Applications should include a resume and evidence of education degree(s) and professional licenses claimed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Testing may be required for some positions.
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CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Cargo and Freight Agent (1)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than March 11, 2016.

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Century Finance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work- related experience in a financing or commercial/credit loan business. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO and Loan Management Information Systems, MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Finance Company, Ltd. office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

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Minimum Qualifications: With a college degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Major in Accounting). With at least 7 years of relevant work experience as an Accountant or Auditor.

Place of Employment: Successful candidate will be assigned to work in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-008

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Foreperson: Mechanical
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: Provide lead technical supervision to trades staff and other subordinates. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties are as an TRADES FOREPERSON: MECHANICAL in a diesel engine power plant. Performs the journey level maintenance and/or operational activities; Coordinate and assign daily activities/work; Compiling data and preparing regulatory reports; Operate and maintain complex instrumentation, equipment and/or testing equipment; Troubleshooting complex maintenance and operational problems; Supervise other Trades staff including assisting in the performance evaluations and coordinating training; Ensures that employees follow policies and procedures and maintain a healthy and safe working environment; Prepare schedule of activities or special projects and ensures necessary parts, materials and tools are available; Provides technical advice, support and guidance to staff, other CUC department and other agencies; Performs technical design on electrical system; Performs inventory and supply checks of tools, equipment, parts and materials; Identifies resource needs and processes requisitions. Ensures availability of resources to meet project and operational needs; Gathers and compiles data's, prepares and maintains regulatory and status reporting; Performs inspections of projects and operations; Ensures policies and procedures are adhered to, and that service quality and productivity levels are maintained; Attends to trouble calls after normal hours; Practices SAFETY; Cleans, organizes and maintains work areas;
Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation,** Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $28,935.00 to $39,062 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Mechanic. High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had: 5 years of journey level experience are in a diesel engine power plant. 5 years of journey level experience are to be performing Mechanical duties. At least one (1) of the four (5) years must include leading a crew. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards. Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff. Performing and overseeing skilled journey level maintenance, operations and installation. Performing inspections of projects and operations to ensure quality and productivity levels. Ensuring the adherence to policies and procedures. Troubleshooting complex maintenance and operational issues. Recommending and implementing solutions. Providing technical advice, support and guidance to staff, other CUC department and other agencies. Processing requisitions to meet resource needs for projects and operations. Performing technical design on electrical system. Gathering and compiling data. Preparing and maintaining regulatory and status reports and related documentation. Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications. Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-009

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Mechanic
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power Generation. Primary duties are as a TRADES TECHNICIAN MECHANIC: Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures; Provide assistances in monitoring and complying with regulatory compliance; Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility; Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions; Receives trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas; Analyzes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders, data, and prepares reports; Perform reconditioning of used parts; Perform alignment of pumps and motors at auxiliary sites; Bending, cutting, grinding and fabricating various types of materials; Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : Four (4)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Mechanic or related field. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience performing mechanic duties on 15,000 HP or larger diesel prime mover engines and associated auxiliary units. Experience on Mitsubishi MAN, EMD, Cummins and/or Nordberg diesel engines desired but not required. Knowledge of: Mechanical principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Mathematical concepts; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Skill in: Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work of various plant systems; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining historical data; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Work primarily inside around machinery in operation; in varying degree of temperature in tight or cramped (confined) work spaces, at heights, on ladders or scaffolds, and on slippery or uneven walking surfaces in close proximity to high and low voltage circuits and climbs stairs frequently. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-010

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Electrician
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties as an TRADES TECHNICIAN: ELECTRICIAN for a diesel engine power plant. Performs maintenance, operations, installations, troubleshooting and/or repairs.Generator, switchgears and engine control panels of various brands/make/model. Motor Control Center. Transformer. Protection relays. Overhead crane Read and interpret electrical diagrams and codes. USA standards, Japanese standards, European standards, & NEC (National Electrical Code). Knowledge in AC / DC system, Single and three phase system, Lighting and outlets, Paging System, Fire Alarm, & Battery Bank. Familiarize with the usage of various electrical test equipment; Multimeter tester, Insulation resistance tester, Transformer tester, Ground resistance tester, & Hydrometer. Familiarize with the usage of various electrical tools Crimper, Pipe bender, Hydraulic knock out puncher, Pipe threader, Micrometer, & Vernier caliper. Familiarize with the usage of various power and pneumatic tools Portable drill, Grinder, & Impact wrench. Operates specialized and heavy equipment. Emergency generator, Forklift, & Overhead crane. Attend to Trouble calls after normal working hours. Maintain of daily reports Practices SAFETY. Cleans, organizes and maintains work areas. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : Two (2).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Electrician or related field. Vocational Certification and other specialized certificates. Must demonstrate having had: 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant. 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in performing electrical duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Performing skilled maintenance, operations, troubleshooting and repair. Recommending or implementing solutions. Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance. Math and reading. Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports.Utilizing all electrical tools and test equipment. Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications. Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-011

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(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Operator
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power Generation. Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of all plant equipment and machinery including, but not limited to, generators, operation of valves, plant production operations, and unloading of diesel fuel tank trucks to storage tanks. Follows all safety and operations procedures during operations and maintenance activities. Responsible for monitoring all Plant systems as assigned. Will act as the responsible person when working without supervision. Responsible for entire plant during operating periods. May direct and/or instruct all other personnel as required during all other periods. May be on call for emergency response. Primary duties are as an TRADES TECHNICIAN OPERATOR: Operates, controls, monitors and inspects generators, switchgears, motor controls, transformers, protection relays, circuit breakers, compressors, RO system and other associated equipment; Takes readings from, meters, gauges and computers at established intervals, reads and interprets data to take corrective steps as necessary; Inspects records and log book entries, and communicates with other plant personnel in order to assess equipment-operating status; Performs systems operations to regulate and coordinate transmission load, frequencies and line voltages; Identifies potential issues and operational concerns; performs operational inspections and symptomatic maintenance; provides status reports; evaluates and implements solutions and corrective actions under emergency situations; Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : Two (2)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Considerable knowledge in operation, repair, and maintenance of power generating and/or industrial equipment/facilities. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant operations and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing operator duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Mechanical and electrical principles, practices and operations of power plant equipment. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Performing inspections and analyzing system and equipment data; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standard operating procedures; Monitoring plant equipment and making adjustments; Identifying electrical and mechanical issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Initiating requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication an interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Must be available to work a 24/7 rotation shift to include weekends and holidays. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-012

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(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Welder
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties are as a TRADES TECHNICIAN: WELDER for a diesel engine power plant. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. Operating, starting, stopping, synchronizing, and/or regulating power and reactive load on generators; Operating feeder circuit breakers during routine and emergency conditions; Testing and repairing transformers; Monitoring fuel and lubrication oil levels, input/output calculations, and refill requests; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, chemicals and other supplies; Performing reconditioning of used parts; Performing alignment of pump and motors at auxiliary sites; Welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Calculating fuels supply and usage and preparing for fuel transfer. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Welder or related field. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing welder duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-013

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Trades Technician: Machinist
(Diesel Power Plant)

DUTIES: This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. Primary duties are as a machinist for a diesel engine power plant. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. Operating, starting, stopping, synchronizing, and/or regulating power and reactive load on generators; Operating feeder circuit breakers during routine and emergency conditions; Testing and repairing transformers; Monitoring fuel and lubrication oil levels, input/output calculations, and refill requests; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, chemicals and other supplies; Performing reconditioning of used parts; Performing alignment of pump and motors at auxiliary sites; Welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Calculating fuels supply and usage and preparing for fuel transfer. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Power Generation**, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY : $20,826.00 to $28,115 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing machinist duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-014

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Assistant Engineer: Electrical
(Rota Power Plant)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the section manager or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Coordinates and oversees scheduled maintenance activities and small engineering studies to ensure adherence with specifications and standards. Monitors and inspects equipment for performance measures; performs preventative maintenance and assists with mechanical or electrical work; assists with the installation of equipment and related components; and gathers and prepares required hardware and tools. Performs engineering inspections; performs troubleshooting; researches methods and evaluates alternatives for improved efficiencies; and analyzes and recommends corrective measures. Collects and maintains operational data and records; prepares reports, statistics, design calculations, and engineering drawings. Reviews and evaluates vendor proposals; responds to customer inquiries and information requests; Monitors and inventories equipment and supplies; provides recommendations for replacement or procurement of required resources. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Rota Power Plant**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $27,456.00 to $37,066.00 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Coordinating and overseeing maintenance activities and engineering studies; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Assisting with mechanical and electrical work and installations; Gathering, organizing, analyzing and evaluating technical data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings, statistics, and related engineering documents; Applying safe work practices; Monitoring equipment and supplies inventory and making replacement recommendations; Reviewing and evaluating vendor proposals; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Pre-employment drug testing required.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-015

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Assistant Engineer: Mechanical
(Rota Power Plant)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Resident General Manager Rota or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Coordinates and oversees scheduled maintenance activities and small engineering studies to ensure adherence with specifications and standards. Monitors and inspects equipment for performance measures; performs preventative maintenance and assists with mechanical or electrical work; assists with the installation of equipment and related components; and gathers and prepares required hardware and tools. Performs engineering inspections; performs troubleshooting; researches methods and evaluates alternatives for improved efficiencies; and analyzes and recommends corrective measures. Collects and maintains operational data and records; prepares reports, statistics, design calculations, and engineering drawings. Reviews and evaluates vendor proposals; responds to customer inquiries and information requests; Monitors and inventories equipment and supplies; provides recommendations for replacement or procurement of required resources. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Rota Power Plant,** Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $27,456.00 to $37,066.00 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Coordinating and overseeing maintenance activities and engineering studies; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Assisting with mechanical and electrical work and installations; Gathering, organizing, analyzing and evaluating technical data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings, statistics, and related engineering documents; Applying safe work practices; Monitoring equipment and supplies inventory and making replacement recommendations; Reviewing and evaluating vendor proposals; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver's license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested and are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-016

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

(REVISED)
Engineering Technician, Senior
(Water & Wastewater Engineering Division)

DUTIES: Performs specialized support and routine technical activities related to engineering and water system operations. As assigned, serves as a lead worker making work assignments and monitoring the completion of work by others. May be required to do a set of or all of the following tasks: Utilizes Computer Aided Design and other technical systems, prepares plans, profiles, sketches, as-built drawings and reports in accordance with established standards. Conducts field survey work; collects data and assists in providing staking sheets including cost, materials and labor estimates for services or projects; monitors and verifies project materials used and adherence with specifications. Performs project and site works inspections; reviews and reports water outage information and water production data; analyzes and reports damaged equipment information; works with contractor and manufacturers regarding warranty coverage. Conducts construction of sanitation facilities of medium to large scale of ordinary to complex systems; Conducts field inventories of equipment and maintains data related to inventory; prepares requisition vouchers for approval; recommends procurement of required materials; tracks procurement documents. Provides customer assistance and troubleshooting of issues which may include: water pressure research; addressing concerns related to encroachment and right-of-way; verifying application status; and restoring water service. Conducts research and verifies information for customers and project engineers. Analyzes data and documentation; creates and maintains system information in databases; prepares activity reports for management. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $22,865.00 to $30,867.00 per annum.
(Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Education: Associate's Degree in Engineering Technology or directly related field and five years of general engineering support experience and construction oversight; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Surveying methods and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; construction methods, water system operations, and troubleshooting; Customer service principles; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Modern office technology. Skill In: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Prioritizing, assigning and monitoring the completion of work by others; Reading and interpreting plans, specifications, maps and related technical documentation; Performing inspections, survey work and collecting and reporting related data; Researching, troubleshooting and problem solving; Providing critical thinking in analyzing and developing solutions; Conducting and monitoring field inventories and equipment; Providing customer assistance; Researching service or project status and providing feedback; Performing mathematical calculations and estimating resources and costs; Preparing technical reports, drawings and related documents used in assigned area of responsibility; Applying safe work practices; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to a pre-employment drug screening.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-017

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Until Filled

Chief Electrical Engineer: Licensed Electrical Engineer

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Power Division Manager or his/her designee. As assigned, supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Manages complex water, wastewater, or electrical projects and executing programs and elements of the stipulated order as required by EPA; coordinates and meets with other divisional sections and corporate divisions to coordinate activities and projects. Performs project management activities to include: preparing reports, correspondence and recommendations; developing scope of work; providing technical reviews; surveying for projects; scheduling project elements; evaluating proposals; monitoring project progress and funding; and, recommending project selection. Prepares engineering calculations, plans and specifications; designs water, wastewater or other utility related facilities; collects data and performs project research related to project and operational costs, and efficiency analysis. Manages construction and performs contract management work; evaluates bid documents; maintains correspondence with contractors; reviews submittals; interprets drawings and technical specifications; and evaluates work for compliance with contract provisions. Performs construction inspections; reviews and processes payment requests from contractors. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $100,000 per annum.
Salary is negotiable based on specialized experience as a water and wastewater utility manager in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia. Also, based on educational achievement and specific (unexpired) certifications stated in this ad as preferred requirements.
CONTRACT : Two (2) year, subject to renewal.
POSITION(S) : One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Licensed PE, 5 years professional engineering, and experience working in a power transmission and distribution system. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Engineering and construction principles, methods, practices, and techniques; Engineering planning, specification, and drawing methods and techniques; Mathematical concepts; Applicable equipment, controls and systems of assigned area of responsibility; Safety principles and practices; Data collection techniques; Research methods; Project management principles; Contract administration principles; Customer service principles; Quality assurance principles; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Managing complex projects and construction activities; Developing project scope and plan; Monitoring project schedules, status and compliance; Preparing plan designs, calculations, technical specifications, and other technical documentation; Planning and designing utility facilities; Performing technical review of submittals; Interpreting drawings and technical specifications; Monitoring project funding and expenditures; Maintaining project files and records; Performing research and efficiency studies; Responding to technical inquiries and information requests; Identifying, troubleshooting and investigating issues; Recommending, developing and implementing solutions; Conducting inspections; Collecting, analyzing and researching field data; Administering and monitoring contract compliance; Assisting with bid administration processes; Applying safe work practices; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-018

Opening Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, March 07, 2016

Trades Assistant (Lineperson)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director Rota or designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Servicing equipment by disassembling, assembling, cleaning and calibrating; Assisting with equipment inspections; Monitoring gauges on engine generators; Reading meters and collecting data; Monitor and maintain pump fuel; Operating incinerators; Operating oil and water separator pump; Servicing and preparing oil filters; Responding to customer calls; Maintaining grounds, trimming trees and removing obstacles; Fabricating materials for required parts. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $16,742.00 per annum. (Salary is negotialble based on qualifications and experience.)
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-019

Opening Date: Friday, February 26, 2016
Closing Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Internal Auditor

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the CUC Board of Directors. May supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Coordinates and conducts comprehensive internal financial, operational and/or information systems audits to determine compliance with, and effectiveness of established controls and regulations; implements audit programs to address and improve operational efficiency and to minimize risk exposure. Researches business control needs and identifies audit scope and objectives; prepares audit work plans; identifies key stakeholders; and determines scheduling and audit processes. Performs and/or coordinates assessments and internal audit activities related to controls, compliance, and operational efficiency; analyzes risk; collects, researches and analyzes financial and operational data, records and information; and identifies issues and deficiencies. Communicates and documents audit findings, risk exposures, and internal control issues; prepares and presents reports and recommendations for corrective actions, internal control improvements, and methods to improve operational efficiency. Reviews and evaluates internal audit processes and procedures; provides recommendations for efficiency and quality improvements and/or automated processes. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $82,995.00 per annum. (Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience.)
POSITIONS : One (1).
CONTRACT : Two (2) Year Contract.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in business, finance or related field and 5-7 years of related experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation. **Licensing/Certification Requirements:** Valid U.S. Driver's License with appropriate class; Certified Internal Auditor or Certified Information Systems Auditor. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; US Generally Accepted Auditing Standards; Financial, management and operational analysis principles; Internal audit methods, controls and standards relevant to area of assignment; Mathematical principles; Research methods; Customer service principles; Modern office technology. **Skill In:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Conducting comprehensive internal audits; Assessing internal controls and risk; Reviewing operational effectiveness and compliance; Identifying audit scope and objectives; Planning and implementing schedules and audit process flow; Researching and analyzing data and information; Documenting and presenting audit findings and recommendations; Providing customer service and advising management on compliance practices; Reviewing processes and providing recommendations to improve efficiencies and quality; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to a pre-employment drug screening.

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Spurs beat Pistons, clinch postseason berth

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Kawhi Leonard scored 27 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 23 as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Detroit Pistons 97-81 on Wednesday night to clinch their 19th straight playoff berth.

San Antonio (51-9) won its 29th straight home game to open the season in its first game following a month-long road trip brought on by the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

San Antonio joins Golden State as the only teams to clinch spots in the postseason.

Leonard and Aldridge excelled against a Detroit team thinned by injuries to forwards Anthony Tolliver and Stanley Johnson. Aldridge added 10 rebounds and Leonard had six rebounds and five assists for San Antonio, which has won six straight.

Detroit center Andre Drummond had nine points and 14 rebounds, ending his career-high and the league's season-high of consecutive double-doubles at 13 straight.

AP

San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) drives past Detroit Pistons guard Reggie Jackson (1) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in San Antonio. San Antonio won, 97-81.

Rockets 100, Pelicans 95

In Houston, James Harden had 39 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists to help Houston overcome miserable shooting in a victory over New Orleans.

The Rockets went 3 of 34 on 3-point attempts and committed 21 turnovers but were able to rally past New Orleans thanks to an off night from Pelicans star Anthony Davis.

With their horrendous shooting performance, Houston became the first team in NBA history to make fewer than four 3s on 30 or more attempts.

But on the 34th attempt, Houston point guard Patrick Beverley delivered the most important shot of the game, a 3-pointer from the corner that gave the Rockets a lead with less than a minute remaining.

Nuggets 117, Lakers 107

In Denver, D.J. Augustin scored 22 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter to lead six Denver players in double figures, and the Nuggets beat Los Angeles in Kobe Bryant's final game at the Pepsi Center.

Emmanuel Mudiay added 22 points and the Nuggets used a 10-0 run midway through the final quarter to gain some separation.

Bryant finished with five points and didn't play in the second half because of a sore right shoulder. Fans kept chanting "We want Kobe" as he sat on the bench with a wrap on his shoulder.

The Nuggets honored Bryant with a video tribute during a timeout in the first quarter.

Raptors 104, Jazz 94

In Toronto, Kyle Lowry scored 32 points, DeMar DeRozan added 31 and Toronto beat Utah for a club-record 11th straight home win.

Lowry, who had a career-high 43 points in a victory over Cleveland on Friday night before being rested Sunday in a loss at Detroit, added five assists and four rebounds. Toronto (40-19) led the entire second half on the way to its fifth win in six games.

The Jazz (28-32) were led by Gordon Hayward, who had 26 points, six assists and three rebounds. Derrick Favors added 15 points and seven rebounds for Utah, which has lost four straight and seven of 11.

There were 11 lead changes and nine ties in the first half before the Raptors took control.

Magic 102, Bulls 89

In Orlando, Nikola Vucevic scored 24 points, rookie Mario Hezonja added a career-high 21, and Orlando beat Chicago.

Victor Oladipo scored 17 points and Aaron Gordon had 13 points and 15 rebounds as Orlando coasted to an easy win. Elfrid Payton had nine points and 12 assists.

Derrick Rose led Chicago with 16 points, all in the first half. Pau Gasol had 12 points and Doug McDermott was the only other Bulls player in double figures with 11.

Both teams were on the second game of back-to-backs and it looked it. Orlando hit only 40.2 percent, while Chicago shot just 38.4 percent from the field.

Wizards 104, Timberwolves 98

In Minneapolis, Bradley Beal scored 26 points and Alan Anderson added 18 to lead Washington to a fourth straight victory.

John Wall had 14 points and 12 assists, and Beal and Anderson led a Wizards bench that outscored Minnesota's second unit 64-18. Washington shot 50 percent, hit 11 of 29 3-pointers and scored 50 points in the paint to overcome 17 turnovers.

Ricky Rubio had 22 points and six rebounds, Zach LaVine scored 21 and Karl-Anthony Towns had 14 points, 15 rebounds and five assists for the Timberwolves. Minnesota made 29 free throws to just nine for Washington, but 19 turnovers did in the young Wolves.

Celtics 116, Trail Blazers 93

In Boston, Isaiah Thomas had 30 points to lead Boston to a fourth straight win.

Avery Bradley added 17 points as the Celtics won their 12th straight at home. The streak ties Boston's longest since it won 13 straight at the Garden during the 2008-09 season.

Six Boston players reached double figures and the Celtics also outscored Portland 60-34 in the paint, while committing just five turnovers.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 20 points. C.J. McCollum added 17.

Grizzlies 104, Kings 98

In Memphis, Mike Conley scored 24 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, to lead Memphis to a victory over Sacramentot.

Conley, who also had five assists, shot 9 of 12, including all three attempts from 3-point range as the Grizzlies won their second straight and sixth in the last eight.

Zach Randolph finished with 19 points and eight rebounds for Memphis, while JaMychal Green and Mario Chalmers scored 15 apiece. Chris Andersen added 10 points, including the final two free throws with 17 seconds left to seal the victory.

Pacers 104, Bucks 99

In Milwaukee, Jordan Hill had 19 points and Indiana survived a last-minute rally to defeat Milwaukee and end a three-game losing streak.

Paul George and Rodney Stuckey added 15 each for Indiana.

Khris Middleton had 23 points to pace the Bucks, who have lost three of four. Giannis Antetokounmpo added 22 and Jabari Parker 18 for Milwaukee.

Greg Monroe scored 11 straight points to start the fourth quarter to bring the Bucks within six. Stuckey came back with 12 straight for the Pacers to push their lead back to double digits.

The Bucks rallied late. Jerryd Bayless was fouled as he made a slashing layup with 16.4 seconds. He made the free throw to cut Indiana's lead to three. George missed two free throws with 14.9 remaining. After a timeout, Middleton's 3-point attempt clanked off the rim with 5.9 seconds left.

Hornets 119, Sixers 99

In Philadelphia, Kemba Walker scored 30 points and Cody Zeller had 15 to lead Charlotte to a victory over Philadelphia.

Marvin Williams and Jeremy Lin each added 14 points for the Hornets as they continue their climb up the Eastern Conference standings. Charlotte won for the second straight night and has won 10 of 13 overall.

The Hornets let the Sixers hang around for 2 1/2 quarters before closing the third on a 14-4 run. Courtney Lee hit a 3-pointer that sparked Charlotte, and Walker scored 11 in the period.

Spieth, Day, McIlroy featured group at Cadillac Championship

DORAL, Fla. (AP)—Jordan Spieth, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy are the top three players in the world golf rankings, which assures them of absolutely nothing this week.

Doral hasn't been overly kind to any of them.

Spieth has been over par in five of his eight rounds there over the last two years, Day has posted two rounds in the 60s in his last 16 attempts at the Blue Monster, and McIlroy— who won at Doral as a 9-year-old—casually tossed his 3-iron into the water after a bad shot last year, a fairly strong indicator of how he would assess his play.

Yet they'll have the bulk of the attention Thursday when they'll be in the same group at the opening round of the Cadillac Championship, the first of the four World Golf Championships.

"Everyone's fighting for the same prize," Spieth said. "When we get out there, we're playing our own game. I don't think any of us are buying into any added motivation or excitement because of the pairing. I don't think we would at any point. Not trying to downplay it, but for me personally, I would say it's going to be a lot of fun ... but I don't think any of us are buying into the 'Big Three.'"

Spieth's last outing was a rare-for-him missed cut at Riviera. Day was tied for 11th at Pebble Beach in his most recent event, and McIlroy missed the cut last week at The Honda Classic. It's their first time being in the same tournament since September.

"I've played a lot with Jason and a lot with Jordan over the past few years, but we haven't really played much together in a three-ball," McIlroy said. "So the next two days are going to be enjoyable. It will be good out there, hopefully a little bit of buzz around that group, very much looking forward to that."

Buzz won't be in short supply this week.

The winners of the last 13 major championships are in the field, Dustin Johnson is back to defend the title he won at Doral a year ago when he overtook J.B. Holmes in the final round and it's all going to play out on a course owned by Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump - who is expected to appear at some point before the final putt drops on Sunday.

"Obviously, this is a great tournament," Johnson said. "It's got a great field. I won here last year, but since last year we've played a lot of tournaments. So it's not like I just won here and I'm coming back. It's been a year but it definitely feels good. It gives me a lot of confidence coming into this week and like I said, I just want to put myself in position to have the chance to win on Sunday."

Flacco, Ravens good to go with 3-year extension

BALTIMORE (AP)—Joe Flacco pocketed several million dollars and the Baltimore Ravens saved valuable salary cap space after the quarterback signed a three-year extension Wednesday.

Flacco received an NFL-record $40 million signing bonus to extend the six-year, $120.6 million contract he received in 2013 after earning Super Bowl MVP honors. The pact includes $44 million in guaranteed money - the signing bonus plus a $4 million base salary in 2016.

If a new deal hadn't been made, Flacco's salary cap hit to the club this season would have been $28.55 million. But Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome insisted the team's motivation was to keep the 31-year-old quarterback through the 2021 season.

"We did not do a deal to gain cap room. We did a deal so Joe Flacco could be on this football team for the next six years," Newsome said.

Newsome did, however, add: "The cap will take care of itself. But, is it going to be helpful? Yes."

Flacco said both sides got together for the good of the Ravens.

"It's all about winning football games. Once this thing is signed and over with, that's all that we're worried about," Flacco said. "This gives us the best chance to move forward. Over the next six years, it's a huge window to go win another Super Bowl, another two, another three, whatever it may be. At the end of the day, that's our goal."

Flacco never missed a game with the Ravens until last season, when torn ligaments in his left knee in Week 11 ended his consecutive-games streak of 122. Prior to the injury, Flacco had five 300-yard passing games - tied for his career high.

His durability is not taken for granted by the Ravens, especially Newsome.

"As we move forward, hopefully for the regular season and the playoffs and the Super Bowl, Joe Flacco is the guy under center," Newsome said. "It was different to walk out to a practice and Joe Flacco not being under center for me this past year. It was very different."

So was the Ravens' record: 5-11.

Although it's difficult to determine if Flacco will be ready for the 2016 opener, he remains optimistic.

"I feel like it's going really well," he said. "I don't have any real outlook on what the future's going to bring, but I know that I'm attacking it 100 percent every day and doing the best I can. I'm going to be back out there and healthier than ever and stronger than ever."

Flacco has racked up 85 wins, including playoffs, since starting in Week 1 of his rookie season of 2008. In 122 games, Flacco has completed 2,479 of 4,070 passes for 28,322 yards and 162 touchdowns.

He's won 10 games in the postseason, including seven on the road - most by a quarterback in NFL history.

"On his shoulders stands the success of this organization over the last eight years," Newsome said.

Flacco holds most of the franchise records for quarterbacks, but his glitzy numbers are secondary to fulfilling team goals.

"My biggest priority is winning and going out there and being the best football player I can be over the rest of my career," he said. "I want a little help, and I want to go out there and just win another Super Bowl. I remember how good that feels."

AP

In this Nov. 22, 2015, file photo, Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco passes the ball during the second half of an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams, in Baltimore.

SIDEBAR Falcons release team's all-time leading receiver White

ATLANTA (AP)—When it came time to make the tough call on releasing Roddy White, the Atlanta Falcons didn't ask the popular wide receiver about reworking his contract.

This decision was at least as much about performance as about money.

The Falcons released White, the leading receiver in franchise history, on Wednesday following his least productive season in a decade.

White's role in the offense declined in 2015 under first-year coach Dan Quinn and offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan.

The Falcons announced the release of White, 34, in a statement which included glowing compliments from team owner Arthur Blank, general manager Thomas Dimitroff and Quinn.

White holds the franchise records for most catches, receiving yards and touchdown catches. The 2005 first-round pick from Alabama-Birmingham soon became one of the team's biggest stars and most popular players.

Blank said White "is one of the greatest players to ever put on a Falcons uniform."

"Even more importantly, he is a man of tremendous character that I and my entire family have profound personal affection and respect for," Blank said, adding White will "forever be part of the Falcons family."

The move clears about $2.36 million in salary cap space for 2016.

White was only fourth on the team with 43 catches last season, his low total since 2006, his second season. As his production declined, Atlanta fans cheered even louder for his catches, often chanting "Roddy! Roddy!" as they sought to help him return to his top form.

Julio Jones is now established as the top receiving target for quarterback Matt Ryan, and 2015 fourth-round pick Justin Hardy could be targeted for a more prominent role this year.

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Tan Holdings, MP United rout opponents

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Tan Holdings FC barged into the win column in the co-ed U12 division 2016 NMIFA Youth Spring League after whipping Paire, 10-4, last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Anthony John Bergancia starred in the lopsided victory after knocking in five goals. Angelo Pulido contributed two goals, while Justin Weaver and Kohtaro Goto added one each. Tan Holdings got a goal from Paire's miscue.

With the win, Tan Holdings climbed up to second place in the team standings behind the unbeaten MP United. Actually, Tan Holdings, Kanoa, and Paire have the same records (1-0-2 win-draw-loss) , but won the tiebreak because of its 14 goals total in three games. Paire and Kanoa have 9 and 6, respectively, while MP United has the most so far with 23 and holds a 3-0-0 mark.

Paire failed to keep the No. 2 spot in the team standings as it had only two players scoring against Tan Holdings. Max Church had a hat-trick, while Maui Johnson chipped in one.

In the other boys co-ed U12 match, MP United also got an easy win over Kanoa, 7-1. Rintaro Miyawaki and Rohan Basnet recorded two goals apiece for MP United, which drew one goal each from Andrew Chung. Jeremiah Diaz, and Dylan Kim. The lone scorer for Kanoa was not listed on the official scoresheet.

GIRL U15
MP United 9, Tan Holdings 0

In the first game at the San Antonio Middle School Field, MP United romped past Tan Holdings.

Gillian Vilagomez led MP United's demolition of Tan Holdings, as she drilled four goals, which came in succession in the second half. Rei Sekiguchi backed her up, firing three goals, while Maaya Sato had a pair.

Sekiguchi registered two straight goals in the first half for MP United's 2-0 advantage and they pulled away as Sato and Villagomez joined the spree. Sato scored MP United's first goal in the second half, while Seguchi completed the hat-trick before Villagomez had her string of four goals. Sato posted the last goal in the match to cap MP United's second win in three games. Tan Holdings absorbed its second loss against one win.

Shirley's 8, Paire 0

The second game in the division also ended in a shutout in favor of Shirley's. Jasmine Phan, Therize Millare, and Valeria Myers delivered two goals each for Shirley's, while Katrina Costales and Sharmaine Francisco scored one apiece.

Shirley's retained its perfect record (3-0-0) to lead the six-team field, while Paire is still winless to remain at the cellar.

Matansa 2, Kanoa 1

In the last match, Matansa edged Kanoa to gain its first win of the season.

Kianna Rife logged the winning goal for Matansa, which is at the bottom half of the team standings at fifth place. Sunny Woo hit the other goal for Matansa.

Kanoa got its lone goal from Kristelle Itaas and with the loss dropped to second place. Kanoa has the same record as MP United (2-0-1), but took the No. 2 spot with its 30 goals in three game against the 25 of the latter.

Mata scores as Man United leaves it late to beat Watford

AP
Watford's Mario Suarez, left, and Manchester United's Morgan Schneiderlin battle for the ball during the English Premier League match between Watford and Manchester United at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, Wednesday March 2, 2016.

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Juan Mata scored with a late free kick as Manchester United continued its revival on Wednesday, beating Watford 1-0 in the Premier League to draw level on points with cross-town rival Manchester City.

Mata brilliantly lifted the ball over the wall and into the top corner in the 83rd minute as the unimpressive hosts secured their first back-to-back league wins since November.

United is fifth with 47 points, but now trails City only on goal difference after its derby rival lost 3-0 at Liverpool. However, City also has a game in hand.

Watford had the majority of the chances in an uneventful first half, with Odion Ighalo going close on a number of occasions. United keeper David de Gea used his feet to block the Watford forward's best chance, though Ighalo should arguably have squared the ball to strike partner Troy Deeney.

The second half continued much as the first had finished, with neither team creating any clear cut chances.

The breakthrough came after Anthony Martial won a free kick 22 yards (meters) out. Mata's curling free-kick left Watford goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes with no chance as he watched the ball sail into the top corner.

"It was a heavy game, a physical game, and they were twice as physical as us," United manager Louis van Gaal said. "I have to give a lot of compliments to my players."

United, which is now knocking on the door of the Champions League places, has won its last four games in all competitions.

In Liverpool, Liverpool avenged its weekend loss to Manchester City in the League Cup final in some style on Wednesday, winning an immediate return match 3-0 in the Premier League to damage the visitors' title ambitions.

City's winless run in league matches at Anfield extended to 13 years after conceding two goals in seven first-half minutes from Adam Lallana and former City player James Milner. Roberto Firmino added the third goal in the 57th minute with another clinical finish, as Liverpool's pressing game proved too much for a tired-looking City side that had just two shots on target.

"We lost on Sunday, we had to show a reaction," Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp said, referring to City's win in a penalty shootout at Wembley Stadium. "So we started extremely lively. We showed from the first second it won't be easy for Man City."

Fourth-place City is now 10 points behind league leader Leicester, having played a game less, and is now starting to look over its shoulder in the race to secure a Champions League qualification place for next season. Manchester United is tied on points in fifth and West Ham is a point behind, after both sides won elsewhere on Wednesday.

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veterans Joe Camacho, Harry Nakamura, Franco Santos, Tony Satur, and Louie Tilipao led the charge for Team Saipan that also had Paul Kaipat, David Largent, Eric Mandell, and Manny Mangarero as members.

Laolao Bay Golf president Chang Ho Kim spearheaded the Koreans along with two-time Guam BWM Junior Open champion Edward Lee, instructor Seung Woo Kang, and last year's Tournament of Champions B Flight winner Dong Kyu Lee. Eu Suk Ko, Kyun Jun Suk, 2011 TOC B Flight champ Young Woo Lee, 2008 NMC Open title holder Joung Hoon Park, and youngsters Ryan Kim and Sean Lee were also part of the Korean side.

The Koreans opened up with a comfortable 4.5-0.5 lead after Saturday's first day in the two-person best ball format with Ryan Kim and Suk completing a 2-up win over Santos and Taylor.

Camacho and Nakamura halved the point with Sean Lee and Edward Lee, while the pair of Kang and Young Woo Lee completed a 7-up victory against Tilipao and Mangarero.

Chang Ho Kim teamed up with Park to beat Kaipat and Satur, 1-up, while Dong Kyu Lee and Ko also scored a 1-up win over Largent and Mandell.

Team Saipan had a better showing last Sunday in the single best ball format with Mandell's 4-up victory over Kang keeping the scored tied at 1.5. Taylor shared the point with Park, while Sean Lee completed a 4-up win over Santos. The Koreans did not lose a match after Kang's setback to Mandell.

Young Woo Lee, Suk, Chang Ho Kim, Ko, and Dong Kyu Lee each scored wins over Largent, Tilipao, Kaipat, Mangarero, and Satur to complete a 6.5-3.5 decision. Camacho and Nakamura scored Team Saipan's other wins against Edward Lee and Ryan Kim, respectively.

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Sato, and the youngest solo participant in the race, the 11-year-old Coume Kaga.

Also attempting to complete the Olympic course (solo) are the parents of SSC swimmers, namely Ayumi Kaga, Kaoru Takahashi, Ayuko and Goshi Sato, and Ayano Braxton.

In the relay, SSC swimmers and their parents will either team up together or join forces with other athletes.

The Takahashis, father Masanori and sons Leo and Rinto will join the men's relay and will be up against the SSC swimmers trio of Jinnosuke Suzuki, Taiyo Akimaru, and Rintaro Miyawaki. Two more SSC swimmers will compete in the men's field with Jinnosuke's older brother, Lennosuke and Salofi Welch teaming up with Marianas High School student Haruya Eda.

Akira Kadokura is another SSC swimmer competing in the men's relay with Tony Stearns as his biker and runner, while Jinju Thompson is also part of a two-athlete team, partnering with Erico Castro in the mixed relay division. For the three-person team, SSC swimmer R.J. Pierce will have fellow Saipan Community School students Jeffrey Seo and Ken Song as teammates.

In the women's division, SSC swimmer Ayaka Sato will have David Boyer's mom Laurie as her biker and another SSC parent Akiko Miller as runner.

The SSC swimmers and their parents have been training for months in preparation for this weekend's race. Tomomi Sato, Taiga's mother and a participant in last year's Tagaman, joined the group's practice sessions along with Joshua and Mamiko Berger, Ricky Castro, Tiffany Lin, and Stearns.

Meanwhile, 124 participants signed up for this weekend's race, which will also feature a Half Ironman course that covers 1.9K, 90K bike, and 21.1 run legs.

Swiss pro Renata Bucher, Australia's Belinda Hadden, and former Saipan resident Mieko Carey will battle for the women's Half Ironman title, while South Korea's Kaon Cho is the lone entry in the men's pro field and will be joined by a couple of Japanese and fellow South Korean age group participants.

Bucher and Hadden arrive on Saipan yesterday and will be conducting a free triathlon clinic this Tuesday at the Napu Room of the Pacific Islands Club at 5:30pm.

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figures with his 11.

In the other semis tiff, the Knights played better in the second half to eke out the 4-point win. The Knights faced an 13-18 deficit at the break, but managed to grab the upper hand at the end of the third, 24-22. Mt. Carmel hung on tight in the final canto to keep the driver's seat and the win that will give the Knights a chance to take the title which eluded the team last season.

The Mt. Carmel-Agape finale will be played at 4:30pm after the 3:30pm title game between the Lady Knights and Lady Geckos.

Agape 49 — Chen 21, Cai 9, Zhang 8, Xiong 4, Lin 4, T. Xu 2, Guintu 1.

GCA 29 —T. Kim 11, Si 8, Hahn 6, Aquino 2, S. Kim 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-1, 24-9, 40-15, 49-29.

2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League Awardees

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Blue Haus players pose with their championship trophy after beating Pacific Islands Club for the overall championship in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last month at the San Antonio court.

Cholos players and supporters pose for a group photo after getting the third place trophy.

Pacific Islands Club's Jack Aranda shows his Mythical Five award.

League commissioner Boy Garcia joins the members of the Mythical Team for a group photo.

Pacific Islands Club's Darwin Barbo, left, receives his Mythical Five award from league commissioner Boy Garcia.

Pacific Islands Club players and supporters pose with their runner-up trophy.

GMJ/IKKI Wholesale's Juan Camacho poses with his Mythical Five trophy.

Blue Haus' Elmer Esdrelon poses with his Finals MVP trophy.

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Agape sets title duel vs Mt. Carmel

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Agape Christian School's Haoyu Chen, seen here driving against a Saipan Community School in an earlier game, scored 21 points in their 49-29 semis win against Grace Christian Ac ademy in the middle school division of the COPSSA caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Agape Christian School and Mt. Carmel School square off today for the boys middle school championship in the 2015-2016 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League, while MCS also plays in the girls finale opposite Saipan International School at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Knights earned a return trip to the finals after outclassing dethroned champion SIS, 34-30, in their semis match last Wednesday, while Agape marched into the title game for the first time following a 49-29 rout of Grace Christian Academy. The Geckos clinched last season's boys championship after dominating MCS, 44-27.

In the girls division, the Lady Knights are also returning to the finals after knocking off Seventh Day Adventist last Wednesday, 26-17. Mt. Carmel won last season's girls tiara over GCA, 28-12, and will be gunning for back-to-back titles when it faces SIS today. The Lady Geckos automatically advanced into the finals after topping the regular season.

In the boys division semis, the favored Agape delivered as expected, taking control of the match early en route to the 20-point win. The Torchbearers came into the semifinals unbeaten in nine games in the regular season, while GCA earned the right to challenge Agape for one of the finals berth after downing Saipan Community School last Tuesday.

Haoyu Chen, who is among the Torcherbearers' leading scorers, found his form right at the get-go, scoring 8 points to lift Agape to a commanding 16-1 lead. Tian Zhang added 6, while Tychicus Xu nailed the 2 other points for Agape in the opening canto.

GCA, on the other hand, got its lone point off a split free throw from Tae Yong Kim. The Eagles never got out from that deep hole despite Kim's continued effort to anchor the team's offense, while Chen remained on target to lead all scorers with his 21 markers. Kim also finished in double

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SSC family joins Tagaman

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Swim Club's Christian Villacrusis is among the group's swimmers who will compete in this weekend's 2016 Tagaman Triathlon.

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Tomorrow's 2016 Tagaman Triathlon will be a Saipan Swim Club family affair as the group will have several entries to both the solo and relay divisions of the Olympic course in the road race.

In the Olympic course, which covers a 1.5-kilometer swim leg at the Pacific Islands Club, 40K bike, and 10K run, SSC will be represented by swimmers Christian Villacrusis, Kento Akimaru, Taiga

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Koreans trump NMI in goodwill golf

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Team LCL Korea bested Team CNMI in a Ryder Cup-style Goodwill Golf Tournament held over a rainy weekend on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The Koreans trumped Team Saipan, 11-4.

Both teams, which had 10 members each, were stacked with veteran golfers and past winners of various tournaments here on Saipan. They survived a wet and windy final day where play was halted a number of times due to heavy downpour.

Multi-titled Jeff Taylor along with Pacific Games

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JON PEREZ
Laolao Bay Golf & Resort operations manager Tony Satur, right, tees off, while Eu Suk Ko, left, and Dong Kyu Lee wait for their turn in last Sunday's final day of the Ryder Cup-format Goodwill Golf Tournament between Saipan and LCL Korea on the west course of the Kagman golf facility.